## *ARTICLE XV.*

### CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

No part of the General Constitution shall be suspended, and it shall not be altered or amended except such alteration or amendment be presented in writing and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Session of the High Court properly called.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. The appointment of Committee on Credentials.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Roll call of members.
5. Reading of records of last Session and all Special Sessions.
6. Report of High Standing Committee.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Reception of Petitions, Communications, Financial Accounts, and Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules, and the reference of the same to proper Committees.



9. Reports of Committees.
10. Consideration of proposed Amendments to the General Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Order.
11. Reports of Special Committees.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. New Business.
14. Reading of names of Past Chief Rangers, entitled to membership in the High Court.
15. Nomination, Election and Installation of the High Court officers.
16. Closing Ceremonies.

Should the foregoing Order of Business be not concluded at one session, it shall be taken up at each succeeding session where it was dropped the preceding one, provided, however, that the Reception of Credentials, Roll Call of Members, Reading and Approval of Records, and Reception of Petitions, Communications, Reports, &c., shall be the first business in order at each session. At the last session, before the Annual Session shall adjourn, the records of the last session shall be read for approval.

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"Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters" Boston April 19-1882
Catholic Foresters Hall

"Third Annual Convention of the High Court M. C. O. F.

"The Convention assembled at 10.30 A.M. and was called to order at 10.5 A.M. by the High Chief Ranger D. F. O'Sullivan and opened in due form

"The H.C.R. appointed the following as Committee on Credentials

Owen A. Galvin — Felix A. Stranger
John E. Coreen — Thomas Sprowles
William D. Green — C. Aherne
J. P. J. Ward

And the delegates were requested to present their credentials and H.C.R.'s certificates to the Committee

"Report of Committee"

On Credentials submit the following as their report —

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| Cathedral Court | No 1 | pres | 2 del" | |
| St. Francis | " | " 2 | " | 1 " prox. |
| Fenwick | " | " 3 | " | 3 " 1 absent |
| St. Francis | " | " 4 | " | 3 " 2 absent |
| Leo | " | " 5 | " | 2 " |

Chaveaux County No 6 Jere 3 Deb 1 Prop

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| St Patrick | " | " | 7 | " | 2 | " | 1 " |
| Shamrock | " | " | 8 | " | 2 | " | |
| Columbus | " | " | 9 | " | 1 | " | |
| Iowa | " | " | 10 | absent | | | |
| St Joseph | " | " | 11 | " | 1 | " | 2 " |
| Fulton | " | " | 12 | " | 1 | " | |
| Fitzpatrick | " | " | 13 | " | 2 | " | |
| La Fayette | " | " | 14 | " | 1 | " | |
| SS. Peter & Paul | " | " | 15 | " | 1 | " | |
| Elodist | " | " | 16 | " | 1 | " | |
| Carrillon | " | " | 17 | " | 1 | " | |
| St. Peters | " | " | 18 | " | 1 | " | |
| Williams | " | " | 19 | " | 2 | " | |
| Mt Pleasant | " | " | 20 | " | 1 | " | |
| St Alphonsus | " | " | 21 | " | absent | | |
| O'Connell | " | " | 22 | " | 1 | " | |
| St John | " | " | 23 | " | 0 | " | absent |
| St. Gregory | " | " | 24 | " | 1 | " | |
| St Francis | " | " | 25 | " | 1 | " | |
| St Raphael | " | " | 26 | " | 1 | " | |
| Sullivan | " | " | 27 | absent | | | |
| Elvin | " | " | 28 | " | 1 | " | |
| St Thomas | " | " | 29 | " | 1 | " | |
| Boss River | " | " | 30 | " | 1 | " | |
| St Joseph | " | " | 31 | " | 1 | " | |
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| St John | " | " | 33 | " | 1 | " | |
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admitted to membership
in the High Court W. L. (
Wm J Green of No 3 — Andrew Golding of
James Phalan of 17 — Matthew Dolan and
W. J. Downing of 13 — Ahearne and Deasy of
14 — Costello of 4 — Madden of 37
Donnelly of 29 — Cody of 25 — Lanigan of 1
Mc Mahon of 19 — Doyle of 8 — Vaulcahy of 11
Cullen of 12 — Sullivan of 12 — O Daly of

[illegible]

The H.C. Committee presented [illegible]

"Brothers: Another year has rolled by
"and we are assembled here to-day, in
"obedience to the requirement of Article III,
"Constitution of the High Court, to render
"account of our stewardship, and to
"devise means best adapted to promote the
"object for which
"we live in a progressive age; the world is moving
"[illegible]
"is onward toward the goal of perfection; and
"man has sought out many inventions to
"benefit mankind and ameliorate the condition
"of the human family. Every year [illegible]
"[illegible] the object of which
"are to promote human weakness; out of
"all such organizations we should be
"especially devoted to this one, for, as a
"body, we are distinctively Catholic;

"we should be animated to-day, and the force
"to
"to effectuate the principle of our
"
"for none can we cherish higher veneration,
"sanctioned as it is by the Church, and aided
"by the
"
"last annual convention, your committee
"set to work to
"for membership bonds, D.A.C.K. commissions,
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"the constitution and resolution of the convention,
"and forwarded the same with the constitution
"to the various
"counties of the state, the likeness of which will
"be found in part in the report of the treasurer.

"We also levied the per capita tax, as
"ordered by the convention to pay the necessary
"expenses incurred by the committee in the performance of the duties assigned to us. We also
"purchased a safe, as ordered, as well as the
"necessary fittings for the same.

"Notwithstanding that we made every necessary
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"advice or

"the purpose of organizing new Courts [illegible]
"will [illegible] be [illegible] by any very marked degree of
"success [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]
"[illegible] [illegible] to admission into our
"Order, and particularly the lack of encouragement
"offered to persons who labored to organize Courts
"in their several localities, and we earnestly hope
"That this Convention will give this matter
"their most serious consideration, and if it is
"deemed necessary to have a large initiation
"fee in the Order generally for admission into
"the older Courts, some inducement should be
"offered to those wishing to organize in cities and
"towns throughout the State where no Courts of
"our Order now exist.

"During the last year only three Courts have
"been organized, namely: Court Liberty, No. 40;
"Court Star of the East, No. 41; Court Fulton,
"No. 42, and Charters have been granted to the same.

"However if many new Courts have not
"been added to the roll, the increase in
"membership during the past year, while it has
"not been up to our expectations, it must at
"least been fair, and the Courts generally have
"added more or less to their number.

"The [illegible] of deaths during the year
"has been twenty-one, nineteen of which
"[illegible] [illegible]
"the assessment of the P. L. and orders

"have been secured for the payment of the same
"and one was not entitled to the endowment,
"because he was admitted under the old law
"and was not six months in the Order, and
"[illegible]
"of the several [illegible] to all of the
"of subordinate courts, one more is pending
"[illegible] of the [illegible]
"[illegible]
"The cause of death of the various members are
"furnished by the various Court Phys-
"[illegible] to the members
"of this convention as many more have gone
"abroad that we had several deaths from chronic
"diseases contracted before admission into the Order
"[illegible]
"[illegible] of the year, and while we are under the
"impression that [illegible] it might not be considered out of place here to state
"that [illegible] seem necessary to increase
"[illegible] of the Courts both in the number
"of the endowment, and complying with the
"requirements of the Constitution in the return of the
"monthly reports and applications for membership,
"as well as all lawful demands made upon them by
"[illegible] of the Order
"[illegible] Secretary
"[illegible] properly managed and invested by the
"[illegible] Laws [illegible]
"[illegible]

"in membership, all of which are absolutely necessary
"as matters of record to form a basis of the actual
"conditions and needs of an organization like ours.

"The amount of money received by the Treasurer
"from all sources during the year has been $1,389.19, and
"the amount of money expended for which vouchers are
"held by the Treasurer has been $1,058.71, leaving a
balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $305.30.

"In accordance with the provisions of section one,
"Article VI, fifteen Deputy Chief Rangers were appointed
"and confirmed, and districts assigned to each; but their
"labors (like those of your Committee) have not been
attended with any very great success, so far as
relates to the organization of new Courts; but, not-
withstanding that the [illegible] have
[illegible] their task [illegible] not had a very
agreeable one as they have been called upon to
answer many disagreeable questions which might [illegible]
be avoided if the officers and members of subordinate
"Courts would study the constitution and get them
clear on the rights and duties of both officers and
"members. Considerable work [illegible] during
the year, and much [illegible] to do.

"Our membership, now more than two [illegible]
"than it was a year ago, should be much larger
[illegible]; but notwithstanding the hard times
"we have been able to extend a helping hand

"to many of our members who, by sickness, have been
"thrown upon our care, and, in addition to this, we
"have paid ninetien thousand dollars to the families
"of deceased members, with the one pending action of
"[illegible] committee [illegible] not entitled
"[illegible] our average death rate [illegible]
"than seven deaths to one thousand members.

"We find in conversing with various officers of
"the Courts and by the perusal of the semi-annual
"returns that [illegible] which were ordered
"[illegible] to be placed [illegible]
"have, instead been placed to the credit of
"Court fund, leaving only one-half of the assessment
"to pay the endowment; thereby leaving the endowment
"fund of several of the Courts in almost a condition of
"bankruptcy; whereas, if the initiation fees were
"placed to the credit of the endowment fund, such a
"~~state~~ condition of affairs would not generally exist, and
"the finances, up to the present time at least, would
"be found to be in a more satisfactory condition, as
"we find [illegible] have taken in as high as two
"hundred dollars and upwards for initiation fees
"during the year. Owing to the lateness in
"receiving the semi-annual returns, we are unable
"to give a correct statement of the condition of the
"Order generally, either as regards numerical strength,
"or a statement of the finances of the Order,
"and we will have to refer you to the report of
"the Committee on Good of the Order [illegible] Court, as

"doubt, will give the particulars — Vol. 2.

"In conclusion, to attain success we must deserve
"it, and if we really merit it, it will surely come. It
"is not enough for us to place the names of a large
"number of members upon our rolls, and receive
"their money; we must meet them courteously and
"kindly, and introduce them to each other, and
"if they should need assistance, do what we
"can to aid them, then each member would
"bring his friends with him, and our number
"would daily increase. And now being upon
"the threshold of a new year, with the events
"and records of the past before us, with lessons
"therein taught, with energy quickened by disappointment
"for greater struggles, and determination to succeed
"where we may have failed before, we urge you
"again to put on the armor of Unity, Fraternity,
"and True Christian Charity, and carry its bright,
"untarnished light into homes as yet strangers
"to our mission; unite with heart and hands,
"and upon the broad platform of philanthropy
"enter upon the new year assured that
"earnest effort will produce much that
"will redound to our credit as members
"of an Order that seeks to relieve, assist
"and elevate our fellow-men. To those
"of our members who have passed away
"from our ranks to the Life Beyond,

"During the past year, let us inscribe their
"virtues upon the tablets of our memories,
"and emulate their good qualities. If any
"were discovered, let them be written in sand
"that they may be soon obliterated and forgotten.

"Before surrendering the trust you have
"confided in me, and laying down our burdens
"of office, permit me to say one word for
"my associates. My relations with them has
"been of the most pleasing character. During
"the year nearly every vote was passed
"almost unanimously with very few
"exceptions; such unanimity cannot be
"expected at all times, but the kindness
"and consideration for each other out of
"which it grew, should never cease.
"I must say that aid and counsel were
"at all times cheerfully given me by them
"for which I return my most sincere
"thanks. To the officers and members of the
"various Courts for their support during my
"term, and if there was any notable want
"for the advancement of our Order during
"the time I have presided over your
"deliberations, it was a want of ability
"in your High Chief Ranger, but
"happily, it is in your power before
"the adjournment of this Convention

supply that want, and I trust and
hope I will be so enfeebled that
a governing success will be ours —
the real future.

I am respectfully submitted in duty,
F. C. Ly, and Fort Clinton County
(Signed) "D. F. O. Sullivan, M.D.K."

For Pension Commissioner

of a total of 48 and next election

To C. Sentinal

Fri W. 9, July. Decision the unfavorable

Calvin thanked the Bro for the honor and promised that [illegible] at the end of this term should be [illegible]

"On motion the question of the printing of reports of Committees on Finance and [illegible]

"Bro R. J. Hoag resigned from the Committee on Finance accepted

"On motion Bro Edmonds of No [illegible]

"Bro McDonald of 42 was substituted in place of Bro Bone of 8 on Committee [illegible]

"That the paper known as the Corvallis Gazette is hereby declared the official paper of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for the ensuing year."

A true copy attest

Bernard J Healy G.S.

Grand Secretary

## Second Days Proceedings.

Boston, April 30th 1882.

The delegates were called to order at 2.30 P.m. by H.C.K. Owen A. Galvin, who opened the session in due form.

The credentials of the following delegates were received and accepted:

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| Michael McBarron, | for | St. Francis | No. 2. |
| Patrick J. Heasley | of | Fenwick | " 3 |
| Walter C. Grant | " | St. Patricks | " 7 |
| P. H. Desmond | " | Iona | " 10 |
| James B. Buckley | " | " | " 10 |
| Thomas F. [illegible]ley | " | " | " 10 |
| Patrick J. Tierney | " | Essex | " 16 |
| James J. Barry | " | St. Alphonsus | " 21. |

Records of meeting held April 17th were read and accepted.

The Past High Court Secretary submitted his annual report, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

The report was as follows:-

"To the High Court of the Massachusetts "Catholic Order of Foresters in Convention "assembled.

"Brothers: In compliance with section "three, Art. VI, H. C. Constitution, I herewith "submit my annual report:—

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| No of meetings of the H. C. during the year, | 34 |
| " " Courts instituted, and Charters granted | 3 |
| " " " at last report | 39 |

## —State of the Order—

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| No. of members, March 31, 1882, | 2,761 |
| " " " " " 1881, | 2,239 |
| Increase during the year | 662 |
| Suspended during the year | 226 |
| Initiated " " " | 718 |
| Admitted by card, | 6 |
| Reinstated during the year | 39 |
| Withdrawn " " " | 25 |
| Rejected " " " | 18 |
| Expelled " " " | 47 |
| Died " " " | 21 |

## —Finance—

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| Balance in treasuries of the different Courts, March 31, 1881 | $1,416.05 |
| Receipts during the year, | 31,525.33 |
| Expenditures during the year | 20,929.05 |
| Balance on hand, and in Bank, March 31, 1882, | 12,534.86 |

"being a gain during the year of $6,118.81
"about 40% increase. The increase in
"membership was but 28 %.

"Nineteen endowment assessments have
"been levied during the year, 16 of which
"have been paid in full, 2 are in process
"of same, and one just issued.

"No. 26 was referred to the Deputy of
"the District, but I would suggest that
"the claim be settled by the Convention.

"Accompanying this report will be
"found reports in detail, as to the deaths
"in the Order during the year, and as to
"the finance and membership of the different
"Courts.

"Items of special expense cannot
"be given, as but 40 % of the Courts fur-
"nished the same. I would suggest that
"Courts be made to forward semi-annual
"reports at the last meeting of the term,
"and not wait for the installation of officers
"elect for the next term. During the year,
"I have received numerous complaints
"from different Courts in relation to proceed-
"ings and would recommend a change in the
"present laws.

"Believing that our Order is but
"an infant in its progress, and that it

"... [illegible] for the [illegible] out of our Lodge
"is but commenced, I will now close
"this report by bidding it God-speed in
"its errand of good.

"Respectfully submitted in Fraternity,
"Unity and Charity,

(Signed) "Michael Edmonds, H. C. S."

| No. | Name | Paid | Age | |
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officers and members,
between a Court
& all Law

of £ 61,000,000

Convention

Bernard J. O'Daly
High Court Secty

— 1883 —

Fourth Annual Convention of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters,

Catholic Foresters Hall 1607 Washington St

Boston April 18 1883

Convention called to order at 11.15 am, H.C.R. Galvin in the Chair, Convention opened in regular form, The H.C.R. appointed the following as a Committee on Credentials

| | | | |
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| James J. Lanigan | of | Cathedral Court | 41 |
| D.F. O'Sullivan | " | " | 1 |
| P.M. Devon | " | Constantine | 49 |
| John J. Flaherty | " | St Ann | 47 |
| John Gallagher | | Leo | 5 |
| M.B. Mooney | " | La Fayette | 14 |
| William Green | " | Fenwick | 3 |

Pending report of Committee on Credentials H.C.R. Galvin read a report of the condition of the order, and of the work performed by the H.S. Com for the past year, High Court Secty O'Daly presented an Abstract of the reports furnished thus up to the end of the Convention, On Motion report was accepted

H.F. Secty Hartnett read an itemized report of the money received by him and paid over to the H.C.T.

On Motion the report was referred to the Committee on Credentials

H. J. Supple submitted a detailed report of all moneys received and paid out by him for the of which the following is a summary

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| On hand at Commencement of the year | $305.30 |
| Receipts for the year | 1164.63 |
| Total | $1469.93 |
| Expenses for the year | 1216.88 |
| Balance | $253.05 |

On motion Report was referred to the Com. on Finance

Committee on Credentials presented the following report

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| Number of Courts Fifty two | 52 |
| Entitled to Sixty nine Representatives | 69 |
| Present Fifty three representatives | 53 |
| Courts represented present | 44 |

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| Cathedral | #1 | James J Lonegan |
| " | | M J Mahoney |
| " | | D F O Sullivan |
| St Francis | #2 | J C Maloney |
| Flannick | 3 | Wm D Greene |
| | | T. J. Murphy |

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| St Francis | 4 | Thomas Sproules |
| " | | John McElroy |
| Leo | 5 | John Gallagher |
| Cincinnus | 6 | Owen A. Galvin |
| " | | Andrew Golding |
| St Patrick | 7 | Wallis C Grant |
| " | | Thomas Mealey |
| Sherwood | 8 | Thomas Hearn |
| " | | John P. Dore |
| Columbus | 9 | Jas F. Supple |
| Iona | 10 | P. H. Griffin |
| St Joseph | 11 | Henry Griffin |
| Fulton | 12 | Jas B Dunn |
| Fitzpatrick | 13 | Mathew Dolan |
| | | John Feeney |
| La Fayette | 14 | Wm. B. Mooney |

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| Ss Peter & Paul | 15 | J. S. Concannon |
| Hamilton | 17 | Jas H Phalan |
| St Peter | 18 | C. J. Monovan |
| Williams | 19 | Philip Smith<br>Michael Burke |
| Mount Pleasant | 20 | P. H. Hickey |
| St Alphonsus | 21 | James J Barry |
| O'Connell | 22 | P. W Reardon |
| St John | 23 | Fred S Sullivan |
| St Gregory | 24 | W A Chamberlain |
| St Francis | 25 | Thos J Foley |
| St Raphael | 26 | Charles J Hurley |
| Sullivan | 27 | John Sullivan |
| Erin | 28 | Bernard J. O'Daly |

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| St Thomas | 29 | J. J. Morton |
| Bass River | 30 | Pat'k Guinevan |
| Dualey | 32 | James Dolan |
| St John | 33 | Jno S. Kenney |
| Americus | 34 | Jas J McLaughlin |
| Shiel | 35 | J R J Ward |
| McGlew | 36. | Wm Dunn |
| St Joseph | 38 | Peter Morris |
| Liberty | 40 | Thomas W Farland |
| Felton | 42 | R. W. McDonald |
| St Mary | 43 | M P O'Connor |
| St Bernard | 44. | Wm J. Quane |
| Unity | 45 | James Clare |
| St Augustine | 46 | J E Dorcy M. D. |

St Ann 47 John J Flaherty

Transfield 48 John J Eiden

Constantine 49 P. M. Denon

Hudon 50 Jno B Maguire

Holy Trinity 51 Joseph Tondorf

The CR Galvin appointed on the Committees named, the following members

Finance

John P. Done #8 Wm A Chamberlain #14

Peter Morris #38, Thos Sproules #4

Jas H Phalan #19, D K Mc Donald #12.

Wm J Quane #44

Constitution

P. O'Loughlin 11, Andrew Golding #6

J. E. Maloney #2 Matthew Dolan #3

Michael Burke #9 J. J. Barry #21

Wm Quinn

Appeals. W. J. Mahoney #1, J. J. Donovan #18

J. J. Murphy #5, C. S. O'Gorman #37

John J Eiden #48 T. B. Foley #25, Thos Hearn #8 Philip Smith #9

Petitions.

W. J. Mahoney 7 J. J. Donovan 18
P. F. McGaragle 11. R. H. Hickey 20. F. S. Sullivan 23
Thomas Maley 7. Joseph Tondorf 52

Appeals.

Edward Tracy 7. F. P. Murphy 3
J. S. O'Gorman 37. John J. Eiden 28. T. J. Foley 25
Thomas Hearn 8 Philip Smith 19

Sale of the Border

J. P. J. Ward 35. P. H. Desmond 10
Wm. A. Flaherty 39. Thomas M. Farland 40
P. J. Healey 3. Charles J. Hurley 26.
John Sullivan 27.

On motion a recess was then taken until
2 o'clock p.m.

Convention called to order at 3 pm
H C K Galvin presiding
The following P. C Rangers were nominated
for membership in the High Court
1. M J Maloney, J M Sengler
2 Jas Foley, John Flynn John E Maloney
3 John J Boyng
4 John O'Brien M J Killion
5 John Brant
6 D J Harkins
7 Thos E Mayer, Henry Muldoon
8 Thos St Hearn C E Calbert
10 J H M Carthy
11 P. O'Loughlin
12 W. T. Scanlan
13 Chas O'Brien F. J. M Farland
14 M. B. Mooney Gregory Lenaghey
16 Owen Hanlan
17 L J Lyons
19 Phil Smith
20 R. St. Hickey
21 J. J. Brickley
22 T. O'Neill P. Reardon
25 J E Kendis, C Little
26 C H Riley
27 John Little
28 John Dufsin

29 John Morton
30 P J Stanton
33 J P McCormick
34 T H Good
35 Wm Connolly, Wm H Peirce
36 D J Harrington
37 John J Madden, Carlin A Brown
40 Thos M Farland, Thos J O'Connor
42 J. D. Couch
43 M P O'Connor
44 Wm J Deane
45 P H Reynolds
46. John A Duggan
47 John J Flaherty
48 Wm H Rogers

On Motion Reading Records of previous Convention was dispensed with.

H. C. R. Galvin called the attention of the Convention to the cases of James Callahan, and Wm P. Kelly deceased for whose endowments claims have been made

On motion the papers in each case were referred to a committee of eight appointed by the H C Ranger as follows: J. J McLaughlin 34
L. E Maloney 2, D J O Sullivan 1, P. O Loughlin 11
R H Hickey 20, L E Mullen 16, M. J. O Connor 43
L. E. Dorcy M. D. 46

Committee on Credentials reported
the names Thomas F Bailey Rep for Lowell
John J Corbett " " Highland Court 52
P J Hurley " Fenwick 3
L C Millea Essex " 16

Several proposed Amendments &c were referred to the proper committees

On motion Bro J J Barry all the Rules were suspended in order to proceed to the election of officers.

On motion H C R Galvin appointed Brothers Mooney 14, Sprouls 14 and Concannon 15 a committee to distribute collect and count ballots

Bro Mooney moved that the Convention proceed to an informal ballot for H. C. R.

Carried

Bro Hurley rose on a question of privilege stating that he had received through the mail a ballot with names of Candidates for the several offices, believing such action to be detrimental to the order He asked that the Convention put the Stamp of its disapproval upon such Conduct, Bro Ward, Millea Dolan Mooney and Hickey followed in remarks on the same subject.

Convention then proceeded to an informal ballot for H.C. Ranger

Committee reported result as follows

Whole number of votes cast 60

Necessary to a choice 31

Owen A Galvin had 39 votes

D.T. O'Sullivan " 17 "

J. E. Cotter " 3 "

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On motion the Convention then proceeded to a formal ballot and by roll of Courts.

Committee reported

Whole number of ballots cast 61

Necessary to a choice 31

Owen A Galvin had 42 votes

D.T. O'Sullivan " 17 "

J.E. Cotter " 1

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and Owen A Galvin was declared elected H.C.R.

Bro D.T. O'Sullivan moved that the vote be made unanimous, Carried

Bro Barry 21 moved that the remainder of the High Court Officers be elected on one ballot, Motion put and lost

Ballot for H C R Ranger followed
Committee reported
Whole number of ballots cast 59
Necessary to a choice 30
Jas J Mc Laughlin had 30 votes
D J O Sullivan " 12 "
J. E Cotter " 11 "
P. O Loughlin " 2 "
Henry Griffin " 1 "
P J Ward " 1
J. C. Carson " 1 "
Mathew Dolan " 1 "
and James J Mc Laughlin
was declared elected High Vice C.R

Convention then proceeded to ballot for High Court Secretary. Pending the declaration of the vote.

Bro J P J Ward Chairman of the Committee on ~~State~~ of the order reported as follows

To the H C R and members of the Annual Convention of the W Co. H

Gentlemen and Brothers

The Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report

that the order is in a very prosperous condition as will fully appear from the reports of the H C R and H C Sec, which are in print, and which the members of the order are respectfully referd to, as being more full and accurate than any thing your Committee could present in the short time allowed them. The Committee has received but one report from D H C Rangers, which is from Bro James McMahon of Dest 16, The Committee fully concur with the recommendations of the H C R; and earnestly request that the same be carried into effect. In regard to the proposition of Bro Dorcey for a Committee of five to suggest improvements in the medical affairs of the order, we believe is a matter coming more properly under the duties of the Committee on Constitution and would suggest its reference to that Committee

Signed P. J. Ward
for Committee

On motion of Bro J. F. Flaherty report was accepted.

On motion Bro D. J. O'Sullivan that amendment relating to a committee of five on medical examinations be referred to the Committee on Const. Carried.

Committee on Petitions reported in favor of printing an edition of the Constitution in German, pending

action on disposal the report it was moved that the motion by which it was voted to ballot under the Call of Courts be reconsidered, Carried
On motion it was voted the original question be on the table.
Report of Com. on petitions accepted,
Moved that the matter of printing 200 copies of the Constitution in German be referred to the H.S. Com. Amended by Bro Jas. J. McLaughlin the the H.S. Com be instructed to have 500 Copies of the Constitution printed in German
Amendment carried
Bro J. P. Ward moved that no proposal for the amendment of the Constitution shall be received after 10 days session of this Convention, Carried

Committee reported result of ballot for H.C.S.

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| Whole number of votes | | 59 |
| Necessary to a choice | | 30 |
| Bernard J. O'Daly had | | 30 votes |
| T. J. Lane | " | 26 " |
| P. M. Lenon | " | 1 " |
| P. J. Irving | " | 1 " |
| B. J. Sullivan | " | 1 " |

and Bernard J. O'Daly was declared elected High Court Secretary

High Financial Secretary

Committee reported whole number of ballots cast 54

Necessary to a choice 28

James J. Lanigan had 29 votes

P.A. Hartnett " 14 "

J. D. Couch " 10 "

J. J. Barry " 1 "

and James J. Lanigan was declared elected

High Financial Secretary

High Treasurer

Committee reported whole number of ballots Cast 51

Necessary to a choice 26

James F. Supple had 50 votes

John Feeny " 1 "

and James F. Supple was declared elected High Treasurer

High Senior Conductor

Committee reported whole number of ballots cast 48

Necessary to a choice 25

John C. Carson had 34 votes

E J Chamberlain " 5 "

J. D. Couch " 4 "

Thomas Sproules " 3 "

J P. Ward " 2 "

Bro Burke proposed the name of William Greene as a candidate for the office of High Junior Conductor

Bro. O'Daly 28 nominated Timothy Donovan for High Junior Conductor.

Committee reported result of ballot as follows

Whole number of ballots cast 53

Necessary for a choice 27

Timothy Donovan had 20 votes

Wm D. Green " 20 "

Febr Strange 5 "

J. J. Barry 3 "

C. J. Hurley 1 "

J. R. Ward 1 "

J. J. Corcannon 1 "

Wm Hickey 1 "

J. D. Conah 1 "

and there was no choice

On a Second ballot, Committee reported

Whole number of ballots cast 54

Necessary for a choice 28

Timothy Donovan had 28 votes

Wm D. Green " 24 "

Febr Strange " 1 "

Bro Diner 1 "

and Timothy Donovan was declared elected High Junior Conductor

Bro. Mc Elroy was nominated Thomas Sproules for the office of High Inside Sentinel, Bro. Michael Burke was also proposed but he declined to allow the use of his name as a candidate.

Pending report of Committee, Bro Kenney '83 moved that when the Convention adjourn it shall be to meet on Sunday next, Amended that the adjournment be only until the morrow 19th at 9 a.m to which a further amendment was made that the adjournment be to meet Sunday April 29 at 2 pm

Amendment to the amendment Carried

Motion as amended that when the Convention adjourns it shall be to meet Sunday April 29 at 2 p. m put and carried

Doubted, verified by Count of H C Society

Affirmative 34 Negative 10

Committee reported result of ballot for H. I. S.

Whole number of votes Cast 53

Necessary for a choice — 27

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| Thomas Sproules had | | 35 votes |
| Michael Burke | " | 6 " |
| J. J Barry | " | 2 " |
| E. H. Chamberlain | " | 2 " |
| John Mc Elroy | " | 2 " |
| Thos J Foley | " | 2 " |
| P. H Duggan | | 1 |

Ballot for High Outside Sentinel Continued

D. W. Couch had 1 vote
J. Maley " 1 "
P. S. Sullivan " 1 "
and Thomas J. Stronles was declared elected
High Outside Sentinel

High Outside Sentinel

Bro Brosnahan 78 nominated E. F. Chamberlain
for the office
Bro Langan 7. proposed the name of Charles J. Hurley
for H. O. S.

Committee reported result of ballot as follows
Whole number of ballots cast 53.
necessary to a choice — 27
Charles J. Hurley had 34 votes
E. F. Chamberlain " 18 "
Thomas J. Lane " 1 "
and Charles J. Hurley was declared elected
High Outside Sentinel

High Court Physician

Brother 35. nominated Dr James D. Fleming
Bro Griffin 11 proposed the name of Dr Dineen
and Bro W. Donald " that of Dr Couch

Committee reported result of ballot as follows

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| Whole number of ballots Cast | 49 |
| Necessary to a Choice | 25 |

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| Dr. James A Fleming | had | 35 |
| " W.A. Dunn | " | 7 |
| " J E Dorsey | " | 2 |
| " I. F. Couch | " | 2 |
| " H. C Towle | " | 2 |
| " F. P. Scully | " | 1 |

and Dr James A Fleming was declared elected High Court Physician

Bro Henry Griffin 71 moved that the H C Secretary cast one ballot as the unanimous vote of the Convention, for Rev^d Wm J Daly for High Court Chaplain

Carried

High C. S. O'Daly cast the ballot as voted by the Convention and the Rev^d Wm J. Daly was declared unanimously elected High Court Chaplain

Moved that the Convention take a recess of one hour to meet for the installation of High court officers Amended that the installation be proceeded with at once Motion as amended Carried

D. H. C. R L. E. Willis was called to the Chair

M. H. C. R. I. P. Ward acting as H. J. Conductor

The following Brothers were then duly installed as officers of the High Court for the ensuing year

Hon. Owen R Galvin, High Chief Ranger
James J McLaughlin, High Vice Chief Ranger
Bernard J O'Daly, High Court Secretary
James J Lanigan, High Financial Secretary
James F Cupple, High Treasurer
John C. Carson, High Senior Conductor
Timothy Donovan, High Junior Conductor
Thomas Sprowles High Outside Sentinel
Charles J Hurley High outside Sentinel

High Chief Ranger returned thanks for the honor conferred upon himself and those who were to be his associates in the High Standing Committee of the Mass. Catholic order of Foresters for the coming year

On motion of Bro Ward the Convention adjourned to meet here Sunday April 29th at 2 pm.

Closed in regular form

Bernard J O'Daly
High Court Secty

Convention Mass. Catholic order of Foresters
Second Session
Catholic Foresters Hall, 1617 Washington St
Boston, April 29th 1884 3

Correction made by J. F. Supple

Convention called to order at 2.30 pm, H C R Galvin presiding, Opened in regular form, Minutes of previous read and approved H C R announced that he had received report from D H C R Foley, On motion Bro Ward it was referred to the H. S. Com, H F S Lanigan for the Committee on credentials reported with those of John J Loring of Fenwick #3. John A Finnegan #17 P. F. McGaragle #11, D. F. Flynn #8 James P. Cleary #4 John P. McCormick #33. B. F. Herrington #36 B Tierney #10 John Brant #5. J. F. Burk P C R Columbus 9 was proposed for membership in the H. C. and accepted

Bro Wm Elroy asked the unanimous consent of the Convention to present an amendment the purpose of which was to inflict fines upon absentees from Court meetings, He then moved a reconsideration of the motion by which it was voted that "no proposals for Amendments should be received after the Session of the 18 of apl. of this Convention" motion not carried H C R read a letter Thos F McLaughlin appealing against the action of Columbus Court 9 in suspending him, Referred to Committee on Appeals, which on motion was given leave to sit during session

The C.K. Galvin read a letter from Wm Bernard O'Kane relative to a lecture under the Auspices of the Order On motion of Bro Ward the same was received and placed on file. Moved by Bro Desmond 20 that smoking be prohibited during the session Amendment by Bro Maley that the prohibition be for one hour Amendment lost Original motion Carried 15 affir 13 negative.

Bro McLaughlin from Special committee of 8. reported committee has agreed to present two reports the Brief of McIntire Counsel for Callahan and Bro O'Loughlin's reply to it in contradiction of the rights claimed under the Brief. Leaving the Convention to decide Callahan and Kelly's case. Matter very thoroughly discussed, Bro D.J. O'Sullivan moved the Special Committee be given further time to consider both cases. P. Bro Barry 20 moved as an Amendment that matter of the two claims be referred to the H.S. Com. that payment be refused and that it take measures to defend the order in case of a suite at law by any or either of the claimants Bro Flynn called for a division of the question when it was put Bro Ward moved as a substitute that the whole matter be recommitted to the Committee of 8.
Pending debate it was noted that discussion on the subject close at 5 pm

Vote being taken on the substitute H.C.R. declared the motion Carried, Doubted, verified by Count H. 23 neg 23, H.C.R. then voted in the affirmative and the motion to recommit was carried

Bro O'Loughlin #11 Chairman Committee on Constitution reported as follows

Hgh Chief Ranger and Brothers

The Committee on Constitution appointed by the H.C.R. has met and carefully considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution submitted to it, and beg leave to report as follows, In view of the progress which the order has made during the past year, Your Committee deems any radical changes in its financial methods as dangerous and imprudent at this time, They have for strong reasons then and with entire unanimity felt called upon to report adversely upon several proposed changes, especially one calling for an increase in the monthly assessment of members, The Gentlemen composing the Committee are sensible of the fact that to increase the assessment at this time would result in nothing better than to drive out of the order a large number of worthy men, while the adoption of such an amendment would directly tend to exclude from the benefits of the order the very men whom it is designed to benefit. And for a like reason your Committee deem any interference with sick benefits allowance

Court by increasing or decreasing the weekly payments entirely inexpedient and unwarranted for the proposed Amendment to change the existing terms of Court officers by electing annually instead of semi-annually as now found little favor with the Committee since they occurred to them no valid reason for the proposed change. The proposed rule that at the formation of new Counties all intitial moneys shall be the property of the Court for its own benefit and that all Courts instituted since the adoption of the Constitution as last amended be allowed to remunerate themselves to the extent specified out of their accumulated funds" is, after the most careful consideration of your Committee into its merits reported as inexpedient, since as can be readily seen it at once involves opposing claims between the order and the Court its agent, and hence would tend to establish a property in a court as distinct from the Superior body, which in the opinion of your Committee should not be, since all moneys are of right the property of the order. They beg leave then to report adversely on this Amendment for the reasons stated as well as for the further reason that it would establish distinctions among Courts which ought not to exist, since all aggregated should form but one harmonious body.

So too the proposed Amendment that the notice

to a delinquent member of his indebtedness to the Court be made purely one of Courtesy merely while agreeably suggestive cannot be favored by your Committee in its present form, since in their opinion every reasonable method ought to be adopted towards the proper notification of members in arrears and to that end they intend later on to recommend the adoption of an Amendment which it is hoped may satisfy the mover of the Amendment spoken of and at the same time protect the order from probable mis construction of the Constitution. It is the opinion of your Committee that the proposed amendment "that it be the duty of the members of the order to inform the examining physician of any knowledge of unhealthiness in applicants for membership could be at least but merely declaratory and the enforcement of the penalty attached would be practically a dead letter since no methods have yet been discovered to read the extent of knowledge of a given subject or thing in the mind of another. And experience proves that the attempted enforcement of a system of moral ethics by legislation alone has never been a success. Your Committee are satisfied that personal and pecuniary interest alone the fundamental inducements to all business enterprises can accomplish all that the proposed alteration calls for. Your Committee are in hearty sympathy with the suggestion calling for the appointment of a Committee

for the purpose of looking into the medical affairs of the order and have a recommendation to make. (In concluding the report desire to make the following recommendations - Viz) bearing upon this very important subject The communications presented to the Committee bearing upon the questions, 1st of the form of oath or affirmation to be required of applicants for membership, 2nd the address of the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee on Constitution be published in the next number of the Catholic Forester &c, 3rd that relating to the Catholic Foresters Hymn, are each respectfully referred back to the Convention being thought to be matters which could best be determined by motion in the ordinary way and without the province of the Committee on Constitution The matter of creating a High Court Auditor was deemed inexpedient and recommend that the Committee on Finance take into consideration the adoption of a regular system of Book Keeping for the order

P. O'Loughlin
J. J. Barry
Andrew Golden
Matthew Dolan
Michael Burke
Committee

Recommendations are as follows,

High Court Constitution

Art 6. Sec 9

#1 Sub Committee Proposed

The H. C. P. shall be chosen with a view to his skill learning and ability as a medical practitioner, His duties shall be to examine all applicants for membership to the order, who shall have been examined and approved of by the C. P. to which application is made, examine each subordinate C. P. as soon as possible after the election with special reference to his ability to properly fulfil the duties of the position of Sub. C. P. and before entering on the duties as such Sub Court Physician, and he shall perform such other professional duties as the H. C. Sub H. C. or the Convention may deem necessary. The salary of such H. C. P. shall be the amount to be paid as fixed by the Corporation at the Annual Convention, and before the election of a H. C. P.

Art 4. Sec 2. Sub C. Const.

#2 Lost

That the words commencing with "the" 10th line and ending with Ballots in the 15 line be stricken out and the following substituted, Application shall be referred to a Committee of three members, neither of whom shall have recommended him and the C. P

Sir. Shall investigate into his Character and health, and report thereon at the next regular meeting when he shall be balloted for with ball ballots

Art 4. Sec 3 Sub C. Const

#3 adopted unanimous vote

Any member holding a withdrawal card shall remain and be considered a member of the Court issuing the card, should he continue in good-standing until he is received into the Court to which he has made application

#4 Adopted unanimous vote

Art. 6. Sec 3. Sub C. Const

It shall be the duty of the R.S. of the sub. court to which application for (made) admission is made by a member seeking a transfer from his own to another Court to notify immediately the Court issuing the withdrawal card of the acceptance or rejection of the applicant

Art 7, Sect 4, P. 42

#5 Adopted unanimous vote

After the word death in the 5th line from top of page Strike out the words "and notify each member of his indebtedness" and insert instead the following We shall send to each member in arrears a written notice directed to the last and usual place of

abode of such person, but in no case shall the failure of such notice to reach the person so indebted and notified be the basis of any claim against the order or against any court in the order

Art 7, Sec 9

#6 It shall be the duty of the C.P. to examine thoroughly all Candidates for admission to the Court, He shall submit himself to a medical examination by the H.C.P. immediately after his election to the position as C. Phys, and shall attend to such other duties, professional to the Court with which he is a ~~Examined~~ elected may direct. He must be eligible to membership in the order though he need not necessarily be a member, It shall be his duty to report to his Court the main facts for or against the admission of an applicant for membership

Art 8, Sec 1 P. 45

#7 Hereby amended by striking out the following words in said sec in the 11 and 12th lines thereof to wit, The Charter list shall close at the institution of the Court and the following words inserted in place thereof, At the formation of new Courts the names and residences of all the Candidates for membership shall be forwarded to the H.C.R. who shall immediately upon its receipt bring it to the

attention of the H.S. Com. The H.S Com. shall within two weeks from the receipt of such notice appoint three disinterested brothers in good standing in the order, who shall investigate the character and capacity of the applicants aforesaid and who shall report its conclusions to the H.S. Com.

8 adopted

Art 16. Sec 1 Sub C. Const.
Amend the following words after the word suicide at the end of Sec 1. "or dying of delerium tremens,"

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The H.S.C shall cause to be issued a certificate of membership, defining the contract between the H.C. of this order and its members and the following form is hereby adopted.

No.

Fraternity Certificate

$1000.

Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters

Seal

The High Court of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters issues this Certificate to Cornelius Dolan a member of Fitzpatrick, No. 12, located at Boston, Mass. upon said Court having received satisfactory proof that he has been lawfully initiated a member of this Order; and upon condition that the statements made by said member in his petition for membership, and the statements made by him to the Medical Examiner, are made a part of this contract, and upon condition that said member complies with the Laws, Rules and Regulations now governing this Order, or that may hereafter be made or enacted for its government, and is in good standing at the time of his death, the said High Court hereby agrees to pay out of the Endowment Fund, to his mother Catharine Dolan the sum of

One Thousand Dollars in money.

in accordance with and under the laws governing this Order, upon satisfactory proof of the death of said member and the surrender of this Certificate. Provided however that this Certificate shall not have been surrendered by said member or cancelled at his request and another issued in accordance with the Laws of this Order.

In Witness Whereof, the High Court Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters has hereunto affixed its seal and caused this Certificate to be signed by its High Chief Ranger and High Recording Secretary at Boston this [illegible] day of [illegible] A.D.

I the undersigned member of Court No. 13 M.C.O.F. do hereby accept this Certificate and the conditions above mentioned.

Signature of Member

Chief Ranger } of
Rec. Sec. } Court No. 13 M.C.O.F.

High Chief Ranger

High Chief Secretary

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This Indenture. witnesseth that

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in the State of Massachusetts agents of the High Court of the Cath. Catholic Order of Foresters, the Thousand dollars in money (1000.), in full of all claims against said Order, and hereby waive all actions at law or ~~right~~ equity; in token of which this Benefit Certificate is hereby cancelled and for nothing held

Witness ~~my~~ hand. this day of

I hereby surrender to the High Court, Cath. Order of Foresters, the within Benefit Certificate, and direct that a new one may be issued to ~~my~~ assignable to

Rec. Sec

Moved that the report be accepted, Carried

Moved that the report be adopted, amended that the recommendations be acted upon seperately
Amendment carried
Bro Dolan of the Committee moved that the clause relating to a Benefit Certificate in the form as presented be adopted and that a copy be presented to each member free of expense, Amended by Bro Mc Laughlin that the H.S. Com be instructed to prepare a form of Certificate to be issued to each member free of expense, Amendment lost. original motion Carried. Ayes 30 Nays 2.
Moved that when the Convention adjourns it be to Sunday next at 2 p.m. Carried

Bro Tracey from Committee on appeals reported as follows

Boston April 29th 1883

H.C.R. and members of the Annual Convention

After examining all the evidence pro and con submitted in the case of the appeal of Thomas F. Mc Laughlin, who was suspended by Columbus Court No 9 Sept 25th 82

Your Committee unanimously agree that the said Thomas F. Mc Laughlin was in arrears, and was constitutionally suspended by Columbus Court No 9.

Thos J Foley, Philip Smith  Edward Tracey Chairman
J.O. Gorman, John F. Eiden  D.J. Murphy Secty

Moved that the report be accepted and adopted

Amended by Bro Mealey that further consideration be deferred until next meeting, Amendment Carried Motion as amended by count of 23 Reg 15, On motion of Bro Ward Convention adjourned to date named

Closed at 5,50 pm in regular form

Bernard J O'Daly
H. C. S

Convention Mass Catholic order of Foresters
Catholic Foresters Hall 1607 Washington St.
Boston May 6th 1883

Third Session

Convention called to order at 2.35 p.m. H C R Galvin in the Chair, Opened in regular form. W.S.C. Donovan reported all officers present except W S C Carroon. Brother Ward was appointed to the office protem. On motion Bro Ward reading minutes of previous session was dispensed with John A Duggan P.C.R. 116 was nominated and accepted member of the High Court

Bro Barry 21 on behalf com. on Constitution moved the adoption of amendment #9 to Art 6 Sec 9 page 15. #1 Lost

Bro Flatley moved as an amendment that the matter be recommitted to the Committee and that the H.C. Secty be instructed to communicate and forward a copy of amendment to the H.C.R. and to each C.R. asking an opinion thereon Bro Tracey moved that the whole matter be indefinitely postponed

The Chair was asked to rule in relation to the acceptance of an amendment to an amendment to the Constitution at this stage of the proceedings H.C.R. ruled no such amendment could be made, but suggested that the opinion of the

Convention could be had by an appeal against the decision; Bro Barry made the appeal accordingly. H.C.R.'s decision sustained, a/ 31. neg 15

The question on indefinite postponement was then put and carried

2 Lost #2. amendment was then taken up, Art 4. Sec 2, p 35

Bro Barry moved its adoption

Bro Flatley moved the previous question, Carried, verified by count of 33. neg 10

Bro Maley moved that the vote be taken by roll of courts, Lost

Motion then put, not carried.

3 adopted #3 Amendment Art 4 Sec 3 p 55

Any member holding a withdrawal card shall remain (a member) and be considered a member of the Court issuing the Card, should he continue in good standing, until he is received into the Court to which he has made application;

Bro Flatley moved that the amendment be adopted, Carried, Doubted, pending a verification of the vote Bro Tracey moved that the vote be taken by Courts, Lost

On a rising vote the amendment was adopted a/- 47 - neg - 0

4 | 4th Amendment Art 6. Sec 3 p 41

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the Sub Court to which application is made by a member seeking a transfer from his own to another Court to notify immediately the Court issuing the withdrawal card of the acceptance or rejection of the applicant

Bro Barry moved its adoption

Carried unanimously

Adopted

5 | *5 Amendment Art 4. Sec 4 p 42

After the word death in the 5th line from top of page, Strike out the words "and notify each member of his indebtedness" and insert instead the following. "He shall send to each member in arrears a written notice directed to the last and usual place of abode of such member, but in no case shall the failure of such notice to reach the person so indebted and notified be the basis of a claim against the order or against any Court in the order

On motion Amendment was unanimously adopted

Adopted

6 | *6 Amendment Art 7. Sec 9 p 44

Withdrawn by unanimous Consent.

7 7 Amendment to Art 8. Sec 1. p 45

Bro Maguire for a division of the question

Lost Bro Tracey moved to strike out from the amendment the words the Charter list shall close at the institution of the Court. Chair ruled the motion out of order

On motion Bro Ward the previous question was Carried, Division to strike from the Constitution, Lost, Div. 2 to add - not carried two thirds not voting in the affirmative, of 29, neg 15

8 8 Amendment to Art 16. Sec 1 page 35

Adopted Amend the following words after the word Suicide at the end of sect 1 or dying of "delirium Tremens"

On motion amendment was carried more than two thirds voting in the affirmative

Bro Ward moved that the recommendation of the Committee relative to the other amendments committed to it be adopted

Amended by Bro Dungan desired that the initiations fees of Charter members of all new Courts be exempt from the provisions of Art 8, Sec 3 p 45

Bro Maguire moved the previous question Carried. Amendment Lost.

The original motion was then carried

The appeal of Thomas J McLaughlin and the report of the Committee on appeals thereon was taken up. On motion the report of the Committee on appeal was adopted, Doubted, veneficio by Count of 27 Reg 11.

Bro McLaughlin from the Committee of 8— reported as follows,

H.C.R. and Brothers

Your Committee in the cases of Kelly #40 and Callahan #3 would respectfully report that after looking into the matter and reviewing it from every light they could get, have concluded to recommend that the H.S.C be authorized to issue the call forthwith

Respectfully submitted
Jas J McLaughlin
D.F. O'Sullivan
M.P. O'Connor
L.C. Millia
R.H. Stuckey

Adopted

Bro Kenney moved that the report be adopted

Bro Duggan called for a division

Adoption as relating to Kelly claim carried

Doubted veneficio by Count of 26 Reg 14

Question as relating to Callahan claim the roll and report of Committee adopted

Bro. McDonald on behalf of the Finance Committee reported as follows.

To the H.C.R. and representatives in Convention assembled.

Brothers;

Your Committee having carefully examined the Books, Vouchers &c. of the H. Treasurer and Secretary, respectfully report that they have found them all correct as submitted in their returns to the High Court. All receipts correctly acknowledged and disbursements properly approved and endorsed. We also find two bills, not receipted, from J. C. Stevens Dorchester for transportation during July 1882, total amount eight dollars $8.00 These bills have been properly approved and the money sent to liquidate the same by our High Treasurer Sept'g. 4. was returned with thanks. Approximate High Court expenses for the ensuing year.

Rec'd

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| 1 | 1 High Court Seal | $5.50 |
| 2 | 1 Cabinet with file boxes &c | 75.00 |
| 3 | Printed forms monthly Reports | 15.00 |
| 4 | Applications and medical exam. | 50.00 |
| 5 | Registers for the order & Record book | 30.00 |
| 6 | Stationary, Letter heads &c | 25.00 |
| 7 | Postage | 75.00 |
| 8 | Salary H.Secty O'Daly for past year | 400.00 |
| 9 | 500 Copies Const. in German (Printing) | 50.00 $675.50 |

Recommended that the surplus in the hands of the High Treasurer be devoted to travelling expenses of D H C R's and High Court officers in the institution of new Courts

John P Dore Chairman
D R McDonald Secty
Thomas Sproules
Jas H Phalan
Peter Morris
M J Duane
W E Chamberlain

Bro Barry 21 moved that the report be accepted and adopted. Carried

Bro Barry moved that a special Committee of five be appointed to advise and consult with the H S C on procuring a suitable set of badges for the order. The expenses for the same to be defrayed by the Court or member incurring the same, Carried

Adopted

H C R. appointed Brothers Barry, Headley Morris, Mooney and Duggan

Bro Ward moved that the H. S. Com be instructed to call the next Convention in some other City than Boston, Lost

Bro Ward moved that this Convention recommend to the H S Com that no new Court be started in the City of Boston during the Coming year

Amended by Bro Barry that no new Court be instituted where two or more Courts object, this not to affect the Court in process of formation, or any German Court. Bro Hurley moved that the whole matter be indefinitely postponed, Lost, doubted aff 20 neg 22. Not Carried (original motion as amended. Carried)

Adopted

Bro Ward accepted the amendment offered by Bro Barry which was then put and carried

Brother Brant moved that the H.S. Com be instructed to institute districts for medical Examination of Candidates, moved that the matter be indefinitely postponed, Chair decides not carried, Doubted aff 24 neg 11. and the matter was indefinitely postponed.

Bro McLaughlin moved that the HS Com be authorized to levy a per Capita tax in order to get $1000 for the sole purpose of organizing new Courts in the Country towns throughout the State

Adopted

Bro Barry amended that the H.S. Com be authorized to levy from time to time such sum as may deemed necessary for propagating Forestry. Bro McLaughlin explained that the levy was intented to be made in four instalments at about eight cents per member, Bro Smith moved that the whole subject be referred to the next Convention Lost. Doubted affirmative 6. neg 28 and the motion was lost. The previous question was then moved and carried. The Amendment was then put and Lost

Bro McLaughlin's motion was then put and Carried. Doubted, request by Count 28 affirmative 16 negative, and the motion was declared adopted

Bro Hurley moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Convention voted to adopt a certificate of membership. Carried

Moved that the further consideration of a certificate of membership be indefinitely postponed. Carried

Bro Maguire moved that when we adjourn it be to Monday evening 7th at 7 o'c, carried

Bro Maley moved that the Convention adjourn to meet as voted.

Closed in regular form

B J O'Maley

P C Secty

Convention of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, Catholic Foresters Hall 1607 Washington St. Boston

May 7th 1883

Fourth Session

Convention called to order at 8.35 pm.

H.C.R. Hon. Owen A. Galvin in the chair

Convention opened in regular form,

H.J.C. Donovan reported all the officers present but H.J.C. Carson, H.C.R. appointed Bro. Ward 35 to act as H.J.Con. Roll called, Seven members of the H.C. committee and the representatives of eighteen Courts were announced present. viz

H.C.R. Hon O.A. Galvin, H.V.C.R. James J. McLaughlin, H.C.S. Bernard J. O'Daly, H.T.S. James J. Lanigan, H.J. James F. Supple, H.P.C. Donovan, H.L.S. Sprowles H.O.S. Charles J. Hurley.

| | Courts | |
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| 1 | Cathedral. | Jas F. O'Sullivan, Mahoney |
| 3 | Fenwick | John J. Irving |
| 4 | St Francis | Costello |
| 6 | Cheverus | Andrew Golden |
| 7 | St Patrick | Edward Tracey |
| 8 | Sherwood | John P. Dore |
| 10 | Iona | John B. Buckley, Hurley |
| 11 | St Joseph | P. O'Loughlin, P.F. McGaragle |
| 12 | Fulton | J. B. Quinn |
| 13 | Fitzpatrick | Matthew Dolan |

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| 14 | La Fayette | Mooney |
| 19 | Williams | Philip Smith |
| 28 | Erin | John J. Daly |
| 33 | St John | Kenney |
| 35 | Shiel | J P & Ward |
| 38 | St Peter | Peter Morris |
| 50 | Lyndon | Maguire |

Minutes of previous Session read,

Bro Dolan #13 objected to the acceptance of the records. Bro Mooney 14. moved that the records as read by the R.S. Secty be accepted and approved. Bro. Dolan 13. appealed from the decision of the chair, in which the H.C.R. Ranger allowed a reconsideration to be made. What Bro Dolan claimed was an amendment to the Constitution. Decision of the chair sustained, debate on the adoption of the records Bro Kenny #33. moved the "previous Question" The motion on the acceptance and approval of the records was then put and carried,

Bro O'Loughlin moved that amendment No #3. to Art 4 Sec 3, p 55. be adopted Carried by a unanimous vote, Bro O'Sullivan #7. moved that the amendments adopted at the previous session be now adopted and ratified. Carried by a unanimous vote,

Bro O'Loughlen #11, moved that all business transacted as adopted at previous session be now adopted, Carried unanimously,

Bro O'Loughlen #11, moved that all amendments to the constitution adopted by this Convention go into effect June 15th 1883,

Bro McGaragle moved that the H.S. Committee be instructed to furnish each member of the order a certificate of membership, Certificates to number 6,000 at a cost not to exceed $50.00

Bro Morris, moved that matter relating to the certificate of membership be referred to the next Convention, Carried

Bro Ward 35 moved that the H.S. Committee use its own judgment in relation to leasing a Hall for the Headquarters of the order, Carried,

Moved that the records of this session as read by the High Court Secretary be accepted and approved, Carried unanimously

On Motion Convention adjourned sine die

Closed in regular form at 10 p.m.

Bernard J. O'Daly
High Court Secretary
Mass. Catholic Order of Foresters

1884

Fifth Annual Convention of the Mass. Catholic Order of Foresters
Garfield Hall 1125 Washington St
Corner Dover, Boston
April 16th 1884

Convention called to order at 11 a.m. H.C.R. Galvin presiding. Bro. Ward was appointed to act as H.V.C.R., Bro. Cleary as S. Con., Bro. Londorf as D. Sent. Others present H.V. Supple, H.T.V. Lanigan, H.J.C. Donovan H.S.S. Sproules & H.C.S. O'Daly

Convention opened in form by H.C.R. Galvin, James Lanigan 1 Devon reg. Donovan 18. Golding Dolan 32. Hearley 3. Rogers 48. were appointed a committee on credentials.

Pending Report of Committee H.C.R. Galvin delivered his annual address, which was afterwards distributed in pamphlet form to the Convention.

Bro Lanigan on part of Committee on Credentials reported 48 Courts present represented by 54 Representatives and " 10 Proxies

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| Cathedral Court # | James J. Lanigan |
| | M. J. Mahoney |
| | F. M. Snyder |
| Hancock " 3 | Patk Hanley |
| | John J. Irving |
| St. Francis " 11 | Jas P. Cleary |
| | Wm. E. Shay |
| | Thomas Sproules |
| Leo " 25 | John Brant |
| | D. M. Callion |
| Cheverus " 6 | Andrew Golding |
| | Owen J. Galvin |
| St Patrick " 27 | Edward Tracey |
| | Robert Gallagher |
| Sherwood " 8 | M. J. Fitzgerald |
| | P. A. Hartnett |
| Columbus " 9 | Jas. H. Supple |
| Dona " 10 | P. H. Desmond |
| | James McCarthy |
| | John Hurley |
| St Joseph " 11 | P. O'Loughlin |
| | Jno K. Lomasney |
| Fallon " 12 | Wm Sullivan |
| Fitzpatrick " 13 | Frank J. McFarland |
| | P. F. Reynolds |

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| La Fayette Court | 14 | John J Hayes | |
| St. Peter & Paul | " | 15 | John J Tobin |
| Essex | " | 16 | John H Watson<br>Patk F Feeney |
| Hamilton | " | 17 | J. H. Phelan<br>J. F. McGee |
| St Peter | " | 18 | John H Donovan |
| Williams | " | 19 | Michael Burke<br>Jas P. McEnaney |
| Mount Pleasant | " | 20 | R. H. Hickey |
| St Alphonsus | " | 21 | Jas J. Barry |
| O'Connell | " | 22 | R. H. Reardon |
| St John | " | 23 | Thos Malcahy |
| St Francis | " | 25 | Thos J Foley |
| St Raphael | " | 26 | C. J Hurley |
| Sullivan | " | 27 | John Little |

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| Erin | Court | 2. 8. | Thomas J. O'Daly |
| Bay View | " | 30 | Walk Guinivan |
| Quality | " | 32 | James Dolan |
| St John | " | 33 | J. F. Kenney |
| Amicus | " | 34 | Thos J. McLaughlin |
| Shiel | " | 35 | J P Ward |
| McGlen | " | 36 | B F Herrington |
| Friendship | " | 37 | Carlin A Brown |
| St Peter | " | 38 | Peter Morris |
| Benedict | " | 39 | Chas A Monyan |
| Star of the Sea | " | 41 | Wm F. O'Donnell |
| Tilton | " | 42 | Jno L Conch, M. D |
| St. Mary | " | 43 | W W Hurley |
| St. Bernard | " | 44 | Wm H. Magee |

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| Unity | Court | 45 | Edward Brown |
| St. Ann | " | 47 | John J. Flaherty |
| Sarsfield | " | 48 | Wm. H. Rogers |
| Constantine | " | 49 | P. M. Dunn |
| Holy Trinity | " | 51 | Joseph Tondorph |
| Emerald | " | 53 | E. C. Ralph |
| St James | " | 54 | J. G. Fennessey |
| Charles River | " | 55 | Dr Jas R. McLaughlin |

H. C. R. Galvin appointed the following Committees

Finance.

P. O'Loughlin 11
Peter Morris 38
M. J. Fitzgerald 8
Wm H. O'Donnell 44
Thos J. Foley 25
Jas B Buckley 10
Jas. P. Cleary 4

Constitution

James J. McLaughlin 314
John Hayes 14
Robert Garagan 4
Geo K. McLaughlin 55
P. A. Hartnett 8
Joseph Jondorf 51
John Hurley 10

Appeals

John F. J. Ward 35
L. C. Singler 1
P. H. Riordan 22
E. C. Ralph 53
D. J. McCallion 5
J. H. McFarland 40
P. B. Lynch 36

Petitions

Jas J. Barry 21
Michael Burk 19
John J. Corbett 52
P. J. Heasley 3
John Little 27
John H. Donovan Jos D. Couch

State of the order

Edward Tracey 7
Carlin A Brown 37
J H Watson 16
R H Hurley 20
W W Hurley 43
John Brant 5
John J Tobin 15

The following F. C. Rangers were proposed for membership in the High Court

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| Wm H Shay | 14 | Jas A Meyers | 28 |
| John J Corbett | 52 | T. E Tracey | 32 |
| D F McCallion | 5 | Jas F Kenney | |
| John P Kane | 35 | Jas Mitchell | 17 |
| John A Raycroft | 35 | John Hayes | 14 |
| Wm Fitzgerald | 8 | D P Conley | 29 |
| Thos Hay Jr | 37 | W Hurley | 43 |
| Thos Mahan | 37 | E M Cox | 41 |
| Jas McCarthy | 10 | D Sullivan | 34 |
| Henry F. Scanlan | 12 | Jos J Murphy | 6 |
| John J Eiden | 48 | Robert Masten | 27 |
| J H Watson | 16 | Wm J Farrell | 40 |
| J. G Tumessey | 54 | J J Dunn | 33 |
| D F. Holland | 22 | Charles A Morgan | 39 |
| Ed Riley | 11 | D J Hayes | 5 |

O. C. R.

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| J H Cannon | 9 | John F Holland | 12 |
| W F Sapsle | 9 | John Hurley | 10 |
| J S McCorry | 9 | Jno F McKenna | 52 |
| Robert Gavagan | 9 | | |
| L J King | 9 | | |
| Phi Dwyer | 49 | | |
| D B Lynch | 32 | | |
| C H McGaa | 44 | | |
| K Sullivan | 23 | | |
| J L Murphy | | | |
| P J Tobin | 15 | | |
| J B White | 15 | | |
| E C Ralph | 53 | | |
| C H Rogers | 48 | | |

Report filed

W J Bonner & C H Daly reported that having received reports from Twenty seven Courts only he was unable to make a report on motion laid on table

Report filed

W F Sapsle read an itemized report of receipts and disbursements of the H.S.C. On motion H.S. report referred to Committee on Finance

Report filed

W.F.S. Langan read a full report of all moneys received by from the several Courts, and paid over by him to the High Court Treasurer, On motion referred to Comitte on Finance

Petition of Unity Court 145 read and referred to Committee on petitions

D. G. Tennessey of 54 presented an appeal against the decision of the H. C. referred on motion to Committee on appeals

Bro Lanigan moved that the recommendations of the H C R Board H. J. C. be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Carried

Record H. C. R. to Committee on Constitution

Bro Supple, moved that a special Committee on liabilities for endowments now on hand, with a view their immediate payment, be appointed Carried H C R appointed the following members as the Committee

Adam F. Supple 9
John J Flaherty 147
Edward Riley 11
Wm E Shay 14
D G. Tennessey 53
Jas J Barry 20
Jas P Phalon 17

Bro Barry moved that the H C R be added to Committee Carried

End Statements Complete

Br Goldsborough moved that the time for presenting Amendments to the Constitution be extended until this afternoon Carried

Br Barry moved that the question of the financial policy of the order be made the special business of the Convention after the usual recess and that Convention then resolve itself into a Committee of the whole

Br Tracey moved that the motion lie on the table until the report of the Committee on Constitution reported, Motion to lie on the table lost 29 to 27, Br Barrys Motion Carried 30 to 20 neg

Convention then on motion took a recess of one hour until 2.15 pm

Br Barry on part of Committee on Badges reported that the Committee did not deem it wise to introduce another Badge Report accepted

Convention called to order by W. C. R. Galvin at 2.15 pm. Bro Barry moved that the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the financial system as proposed under the Graded assessment plan, Motion Carried W. C. R. Galvin called Bro. Watson of Essex Centre to, and the Convention went into Committee of the whole, Reading the discussion Bro Jas J. McLaughlin reporter for the Committee on Constitution, Committee rose and Convention called to order 4.05 pm Bro John Hayes 1st read the report giving a grade as follows for ages 20 to 25. 90

Minority report attached that $1.25 per mo be the ass't

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| 25 to 30 | 1.00 | 45 to 50 — 1.50 |
| 35 " 40 | 1.20 | 50 " 55 — 1.70 |
| 40 " 45 | 1.30 | 55 " 60 — 2.30 |
| | | 60 " 65 — 3.60 |
| | | 65 " 70 5.00 |

Bro McCallion moved that question be laid on the table until next session of this Convention Motion defeated. On motion the previous question was put and Carried. Question put and lost. Doubted Yeas 24 Nays 39

Motion that the report be adopted and the vote be by Yea & Nay

Bro Tracey asked that the question be divided as 1. Graded assessment
2. Central Treasurer
3. Amt of Grade

Moved as a substitute that the report be referred back to committee Bro Shaw withdrew the original motion to adopt

Report to print

Bro Ward moved that the Committee be authorized to report in print, Carried

Moved that the Report be specially assigned as first business for next meeting, Carried

Bro Golding moved that the Chairman of Committee forward copy to Representatives Motion withdrawn on representation that copy of report would be forwarded to each Representative

Appeals

Bro Ward Chairman Committee on Appeals reported on appeal J. G. Timmony of 574 on motion report laid on table,

Bro Ward moved that the Convention when it adjourns, adjourn to Sunday 27th at place to be named by H & C, Carried

H, C & R announced that the next Session of the Convention would in accordance with vote be at Garfield Hall 1125 Washington St 27 inst. 2pm

Adj'd 27/8/84

Recess

Bro. Flaherty moved that the Convention take a recess of one hour Carried,
Adjourned to meet at Metropolitan Hotel

Convention Called to order at 7.30 pm
H.C.R. Galvin, in the Chair

Report Com Appeals

Moved that report of Committee on Appeals be taken from the table, Carried

Counter by Bro Ward reported that Bro Flannery have leave to withdraw
On motion report of Committee was adopted

## Election of Officers

Suspension By Law

On motion the By Law was suspended in order to proceed to an election

Moved that the Convention proceed to ballot for officers for ensuing term, Carried

Scrutineers Ballots

H.C.R. appointed Bros Wm Sullivan Flaherty Cleary & McCarthy to distribute Ballots, Count and declare the result, Moved that the Ballot for H.C.R be informal, Lost.

The Committee reported

the result of the Ballot for H C R as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 55.
Necessary to a Choice 28

James J McLaughlin had 34 votes
Jas J Barry " 11 "
P O'Loughlin " 5 "
O A Galvin " 4 "
D J O Sullivan " 1 "
J H Watson " 1 "

And James J McLaughlin was declared elected H.C.R On motion the Ballot was made unanimous.

Reading Ballot for H C R. H C R Galvin a reporter Bros, Shay Hartnett & Brant a Second Committee to distribute ballots, Count & declare the result.

The result of the Ballot for H. C. C. R was declared as follows

Whole number of votes 53
Necessary to a Choice 27

Thomas Sproules had 36 votes
Michael Burke " 9 "
P O Loughlin " 8 "

and Thomas Sprowles was declared elected
H O C R

On motion the election was made unanimous.

Committee reported result of Ballot for H Clerky as follows

Whole number of votes 36
Necessary to a choice 19

Bernard J O'Daly had 30 votes
D J McCallion " 2 "
Thos Lane " 2 "
John F Daly " 1 "
Blank " 1 "

and Bernard J O'Daly was declared elected H Clerky.

On motion the election was made unanimous

H Clerk

Committee reported result of Ballot for H Sergeant as follows

Whole number of votes 37
Necessary to a choice 19

Thos Lanigan had 31 votes
P H Hartnett " 2 "
Wm J O'Donnell " 2 "
D F Dalton " 2 "

H Sergt at Arms

And James O Keegan was declared elected Y & A Secty
On motion the election was made unanimous

The Committee report a result of ballot for H Treas, as follows

Whole number of votes 37
Necessary to a choice 19

Jno F Supple had 33 votes
Ed Tracey " 1
C A Hartnett " 1
J Dunn " 1
Blank " 1

And J F Supple was declared elected High Treasurer, On motion the election was made unanimous

The Committee report on result of Ballot for H. S. Cond. and as follows

Whole number of votes 38
Necessary to a choice 20
Timothy Donovan had 19 votes
Wm F O'Donnell " 9 "
Edward Tracey " 5 "

John Brant had 1 vote
C J Hurley " 2 "
P. O Loughlin " 1 "
P A Hartnett " 1 "
J J Tobin " 1 "
J Lomasney " 1 "
And there was no Choice

The Committee report on result of Ballot for H of Con was as follows

Whole number of votes 37
Necessary to a choice 19

H of Con

Joseph Tondorf had 31 votes
Wm J O'Donnell " 4 "
P J Henley 1 "
P A Hartnett 1 "
And Joseph Tondorf was declared elected H of Con. On motion the election was made unanimous

The Committee report of result of Second Ballot for H. of Con was as follows

Whole number of votes 37
Necessary to a Choice 19

Wm T. O'Donnell had 5 Votes
P A Hartnett " 1 "
P J Hasley " 1 "
C J Hurley " 1 "
J J Sweeney " 1 "
Edward Tracey " 1 "
Timothy Donovan " 27 "
and Timothy Donovan was
elected H. S. Com. On motion
the election was made unanimous

The Committee report of result of Ballot
for H. S. S, was as follows
Whole number of votes 34,
Necessary to Choice 18

Charles J Hurley had 27 votes
Wm T O'Donnell " 1 "
Wm E Shay " 2 "
P A Hartnett " 1 "
John Brent " 1 "
P J Hasley " 1 "
J Mc Enaney " "
and Charles J Hurley was declared
elected H. S. Sch.
On motion the election was made unanimous.

The Committee report on result of Ballot for H.O. sent was as follows

Whole number of votes 38
Necessary to a choice 20

D. D. Galvin had 33 votes
D. J. O'Sullivan " 2 "
J. J. Doring " 1 "
R. A. Hartnett " 1 "
Blank " 1 "

and D. D. Galvin was declared elected High O. Sent. On motion the election was made unanimous

High O. Sent.

Committee report result of ballot for H. C. R. was as follows

Whole number of votes 48
Necessary to a choice 25

Dr Moran had 28 votes
Dr Dunn " 8 "
" Galligan " 2 "
" Towle " 2 "
" M. W. O'Keeffe " 3
" P. A. Hartnett " 1

Ballot declared void

H. C. R.

On motion Bro Gavagan Chief Clerk was instructed to cast a ballot for the Rev. Hugh Roe O'Donnell for H.C.C. Ballot so cast and the Rev. Hugh Roe O'Donnell was declared elected H.C. Chaplain of Tulla, Co. Cl.

Committee report on result of second ballot for High Court Physician was as follows

Whole number of votes 41
Necessary to a Choice 21

John B. Moran had 35 votes
Dr Dunn " 4 "
Dr Gallagan " 1 "
P.R. Hartnett " 1 "

and John B. Moran M.D. was elected High Court Physician

Petition Holy Trinity Court 51 read and referred to Committee on Constitution

Adjourned to April 27th at 2 pm

Richard J. O'Daly
H.C.Cl.

— Apl. 27th 1887 —

Fifth Annual Convention Mass. Cha. Cath. Catholic order of Foresters

— Second Session —

Garfield Hall 1125 Washington St.

Boston, Mass April 27, 1887

Convention called to order at 2½ pm

H.C. & H.O.S. absent, Bro Hickey 20 was appointed H.S.C. & Bro Corbett 52 H.O.S. Convention opened in regular form H.C.R. Galvin presiding, Special C as assignment taken up, Report of Committee on Constitution. Arts I and II passed over as being without change,

Bro. Rogers of 48 in a short practical and eloquent speech moved that Art III as printed in report be adopted Bro Gavagan 4 sec. moved as an amendment that each member shall hereafter pay $1.25 per month to the Endowment fund, Amendment put to the Convention, and was declared lost, The question on adoption when Bro. Golding asked for a division of the question into preamble and Grade The Grade being as follows, Every member now in the order taking his age at his initiation shall pay to the Financial Secretary of the Court reported as assessment called levied by the H.S. Court, according to the following table

From 20 to 25 years of age $.90

Art 3 Grade Assess

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| From | 25 | to | 30 | years of age | $1.00 |
| " | 30 | " | 35 | " " | " 1.10 |
| " | 35 | " | 40 | " " | " 1.20 |
| " | 40 | " | 45 | " " | " 1.30 |
| " | 45 | " | 50 | " " | " 1.50 |
| " | 50 | " | 55 | " " | " 1.70 |
| " | 55 | " | 60 | " " | " 2.30 |
| " | 60 | " | 65 | " " | " 3.60 |
| " | 65 | " | 70 | " " | " 5.00 |

Grade of Assessment adopted. 1884

And after the first of May 1884 the limit of age for admission to this insurance fund shall be from twenty to forty five years, and the assessment in the above table applicable to all ages between twenty and forty five inclusive, shall be paid by all persons admitted into the order upon Call. The grade of age at initiation shall Continue during membership. The vote was by a Yea & Nay, under a Call of the Courts The result being "Sixty" Representatives voted in the affirmative and Eight in the negative, and the Grade as reported by Committee on Constitution was adopted, and so declared by H.C. Ranger Bro Ward moved to reconsider vote by which the Convention adopted a graded assessment hoping the motion would not prevail, motion put and lost.

Preamble Report

"The preamble" was then taken up.

Bro Golding moved to reference back to Committee for the purpose of making it more in accord with preamble of Constitution. He supported his motion in an earnest and forcible address.

Struck out Lost

Bro O'Loughlin #11, moved to strike the words "an insurance of" pending debate on this motion Bro Barry to strike out the whole preamble, motion declared carried doubted and Bro Barry's was lost, 15 yeas 3 nays. Bro O'Loughlin's amendment to strike out was put and carried, two thirds of the representatives having voted in favor of it.

Bro. O'Daly #28 rose to a question of privilege stating that several inquiries had been made to him relative to the payment of some of the death Claims now before the Convention

Special Comtee on Endowments

Bro. Ward, moved that report of Special Committee on unpaid death Claims be heard Carried Bro Supple #9 Reported as follows

To the Mass. Catholic Order of Foresters in Annual Convention assembled,

Whereas, The immediate endowment liabilities of the Mass. Catholic Order of Foresters is an amount so large that it may not should be provided for by

Spread Levy (on page) and Signatures

Annual plan, &c.

Whereas, This Amount represents a debt in which the rights of Widows and Orphans are at stake, as well as the good name of the Order, and

Whereas, The honor of every member requires that an immediate and united effort be made to pay all endowment debts for which the Order is now liable, it is, therefore

Ordered, That the Massachusetts Catholic order of Foresters, in Annual Convention assembled, levy a tax upon all members of the order, to be divided into three parts, as follows; two dollars per Capita, to be paid in thirty days; two dollars per Capita to be paid in sixty days, and one dollar to be paid in ninety days; all dating from the adoption of this order, To be paid as above under the penalty of suspension; Any Court having sufficient funds in any pay this per Capita as received from such fund.

Jas F Supple, Columbus #9
Jabez J Flaherty St Ann 47
E. Riley St Joseph 11
W E Shay St Francis 14
J J Tennessy St James 53
[illegible] St Patrick 4. [illegible] Hope Star 17

adjourned
Leg. $5.00 Each

Bro Hartnett, moved that the report be adopted
Bro Barry called for a yea nay vote
as a preventative against future trouble
Motion put, vote taken by call of Chair,
the result being 62 representatives
voted in the affirmative and none in the
negative

Bro Tennessey moved that the
installation of the officers elect be proceed-
ed with, pending the discussion, motion
Bro Ward moved that when Convention
it be until Tuesday May 11th at such place
as H.S. Com provides, Carried

Bro Tennessey renewed the motion to
install officers elect, Chair declared
the motion Carried Vote doubted, Motion
lost 24 voting for and 38 against,
Moved to adjourn, Closed in
regular form

Roman J. Daly
Pro Clerk

Third Session

of the
Fifth Annual Convention Mass. Catholic
Order of Foresters, Caledonian Hall
413 Eliot St Boston May 11/84

Convention Called to order at 2.45 pm
H.C.R. McLaughlin presiding, Bro Ward
Chief Court appointed H.C.R. Bro Moore's
138 H.C. Con. Record of previous session
read and approved. Bro Golding of Cheverus
#6 asked by request of his Court, that the vote
cast by the Court against graded assessments
be changed to one for graded assessment
and that Cheverus Court be allowed to go on
record as voting for graded assessments
Request granted

#6 Change vote to favor Graded Assess.

Bro Ward moved that
the officers be installed. Bro Finnegan
moved that the motion lie on the table
Carried On motion the H.C. Constitution
was taken up for consideration

Bro Barry 21 moved that all down
to Art 4 be reserved for future discussion
and that the Convention take up Art 1
Carried

Bro Rogers of #8 moved that Art 1
be adopted

Bro Golding moved to strike

out the words P. C. Langey, and insert the words financial member, Amendment put and lost

Art 1 adopted

Bro Tracey moved to strike out Sec 3 of Art 1. Previous question moved by Bro Hankins Carried, Bro Tracey withdrew his motion, and Art 1. was adopted

5 minute speech

Bro Finnessey in the interest of Expediting business moved, That no member speak but once on any question and not longer than five minutes unless by permission Carried. Art 2 being without change passed over,

Art 3

Bro Rogers moved to take up Art 3. Carried.

Sec 1, 2, 3, 4 & being of no material change were passed & Sec 5 Taken,

H. Sec Bonds

Bro Berry moved to strike out the words " and cause the High Treasurer to give bonds in such amount as may be deemed sufficient for the faithful performance of his duty" The question very fully debated Bro. Berry withdrew his motion, Timmons Golding Tracey spoke to the question

Bro Rogers moved the previous question motion lost Bro Berry moved that

Roughlin Barry Galvin

the 5th Sec be recommitted, Motion afterwards withdrawn in favor of one by Bro Shay of St Francis H that Sec 5 be referred to a committee of three Composed of Bro's Roughlin Barry & Galvin of Fla.

Bro Thos Norton Carried, Vote doubted by Bro M Garaghe, Grafter, of 37 Reg N.Y.

Sec 5. Moved that all Contemplated amendments to Sec 5 be referred to the same Committee of Three

Sec 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12 being with slight Changes, passed over

Sec 13. Bro Sweeney moved its adoption Carried

Special Com Bro Watson moved that Sec 6 be referred to the Special Committee Carried.

Sec 14 & 15. Moved that these be adopted. Bro M Garaghe moved that the District Arbitration Com, have the power to fix a penalty when the Constitution makes no such provision Carried.

Sec 15. Arbt. Com Fix penalty

Bro Roughlin moved to amend Sec 15

Sec 15 adopted

by inserting "the accused shall have the right of appeal within thirty days"
Carried

Art 14 & 15 as amended were adopted by unanimous vote

Arts IV. V. VI. VII no change, so passed over

Br. Brown of 3 moved the adoption of Art VIII

Br Timmerey moved to amend that the rejected applicant may have the right of appeal to the H.C.P. within thirty days, and if rejected by the H.C.P. shall pay an extra fee of $2.00

Br Brown of 3 raised the point that the amendment properly belonged under Art II Sec 4, Chair so decided

Br. Hurley moved previous question
Carried

Art 8

Question on adoption of Art VIII, motion put & carried unanimously

Special Comte (3)

Br Timmerey moved that all amendments be referred to Special Committee of three to report next meeting, Seconded by Br Hurley & carried

In connection H. Secretary Supple made progressive report announcing that Court Erin 28 Ancients 3rd Sherwood 8, St. Ann 47 & C had paid in full

Br Fitzgerald moved that when the Convention adjourn it be to two weeks from date May 25 at Calvinman Hill

Carried

Moved by Br Barry that the Graded assessment going into effect the first Regular day in June 84

Moved to lie on Table by Br Norris

Lost Br Barrys motion then put and Carried unanimously

Br Fitzgerald moved that Convention

Carried Closed in Regular form

Bernard J. O. Daly
H Cassidy

Graded Assessment to take effect June 2nd 1884

# Fourth Session

Convention Mass. Catholic order of Foresters
Caledonian Hall, 43 Eliot St.
Boston May 25th 1884

Convention Called to order at 3 p.m.
H.C.R. McLaughlin presiding. Bro.
Ward appointed H.C.R. Bro Flaherty
as H.S.C.

Bro. Ward moved that the reading
of minutes be dispensed with, Carried

Bro. O'Loughlin for Special Committee reported
as follows Art. III. Sec 5. After the word
Committee in the 7th line to and read in 10th
line strike out and insert "for the faithful
discharged performance of his duties he shall before
he is installed in office, give a good and suf-
ficient bond in the sum of $5000.00 (dollars) which
bond must be approved by and be deposited
with the Trustees of the High Court, but the
bond may be increased by action of the
H.S. Com when in session or by the H.C. Ranger
during a recess whenever said Committee
or H.C. Ranger as aforesaid is satisfied that
this sum is not sufficient to cover the amount
that may accumulate in the hands of the High
Court Treasurer,

High Treasurer
Bond $5000

H. Treas. Salary

For his services as Treasurer he shall receive such sum as the High Court at the Annual Convention at the beginning of his term of office shall determine

Bro Semmes moved that the report on Art 3. Sec 5 be adopted. Carried

Art. 6. Sec 6. H. Sec'y Bond $500

Art 3. Sec 6. after the word "and" insert "immediately" and add to section, "and shall perform such other duties as the laws and usages of this order require". He shall before entering on the duties of his office give a good and sufficient bond in a sum not less than $500. (Dollars) which bond shall be approved by and deposited with the Trustees of the High Court. For his services he shall receive such sum as the High Court at the Annual Convention beginning his term of office shall determine.

Bro Singleton moved its adoption Carried

H. C. of T. New Sect. 16

New Section. Art 3. Sec 16.

High Court Trustees

That H C Ranger High Court Chaplain and High Court Physician shall ex officio

with two others to be elected by the Annual Convention to be Trustees of the High Court. They shall have charge of all property of the High Court. They shall approve and hold the bonds of all High Court officers who are required to give bond. They shall deposit or invest any funds placed in their hands in readily convertible securities of a well known and secure marketable value. They shall not at any time loan the money in their hands on personal security or mortgages of any kind and they shall deposit with the High Court Clerk for safe keeping all deeds or securities belonging to the High Court Court. They shall make a report to the H. S. Convocation every three months, and a full and final report at the Annual Convention during their term of office

H. Court Trustees (5)

Bro Hartnett moved to amend by having three Trustees as reported by Committee on Constitution. Amendment Carried

H. Court Trustees (3)

Bro Hartnett moved, that as an amendment that the Trustees shall deposit any funds placed in their hands in some Bank or Banks to be selected by the H.S. Convention

H.C.C
H.C.C
H.C.C

Deposits Bank

Amendment Carried, Doubtful, Affs 34 Negs 15

Reported amended on motion adopted unanimously

Preamble

Bro Barry moved to amend preamble by striking out from members 9th line to the word to in 12th line.

Bro Flaherty moved the previous question Carried, Original motion put and Carried, Doubtful Affs 28 Negs 20

Art 3. Sec 1 Eliminate Adopted

Br. Barry moved to strike out from Art 3 Sec 1, And, and the remainder of the Sentence Carried

Rec Rev H. R. O'Donnell

Bro Tennessy from Special Committee to wait on Rev Hugh Rae O'Donnell, Reported conveying thanks of the Rev Brother for the honor conferred upon him, Report Accepted

Report Hadley

H. Clerk presented his report. Bro Barry moved that report be read by title

Bro Burke amended that Report be distributed by Call of Courts Amendment Carried

Art 4. Sec 1 opp. new court + objection

Bro Berry moved to amend Art IV Sec 1 to insert after the word order in 10th line but no court shall be formed in a locality where two or more courts object,

Bro O'Loughlin moved to substitute the following, but no court shall be instituted where in the locality, two or more Courts object by vote of the Court and forward Copies of such vote to the H.C. Com,

Bro Berry withdrew his amendment Bro O'Loughlin amendment was then on motion adopted

H of C. Corrections H. Court Court

Bro Riley #11 moved that the H.C. Com be empowered to make Corrections and verbal changes such as will insure the intent of the Convention and insure to harmonious agreement throughout the Constitution, Carried

Insurance

Bro Brown moved that Whenever the word Insurance occurs in the Constitution that it be stricken out Carried

Practical Roman Catholic Lost

Moved that the word practical be inserted in the third line Art IV Sec 1.

Pawnee Question ordered, motion put and Amendment lost,

Bro. Berry moved to strike out the word favorably Sec 2. Art IV

Art. II. Sec 2 "favorably" Ballot

Bro Barry moved to strike out "his" in the 15th line and insert of the applicant, and strike out if in the same line and insert "when" and to strike out "favorably"

Carried

Art V. Sec 2 Rejected Candidates H.C.P. Examin

Bro Riley of #1 moved to insert in 4th line Page 2. Art IV. Sec 2, "and if he afterwards make application he shall be examined by the H. Court Physician

Carried

Sec 3. Art IV Bro. Brown 37 moved to strike "one" and insert the word "two"

Carried

Sec 3

Bro. Tennessey moved that Sec 3 be adopted. Carried

" 4

Bro. Tennessey moved that Section 4 be adopted

" 5

Bro Golding moved to add after "initiation" in Sec. 5 of Art. IV. the word "rejection"

Carried

Elimination of Sec 6. Lost Adopted

Bro Tennessey moved to strike out the whole of Sec 6. Bro. Watson moved the previous question and Motion on the elimination of Sec 6 lost. Question on the adoption of Sec. 6. put and Carried. Counted off 42 nays. withdrawn

Bro Brown moved that the further Consideration of the Ent. Court. Const. lie on the table

Carried

Bro Tracey from Comtee on State of the order reported

State of the Order

The Committee on State of the order submit the following Report. We find during year ending Mar 31/ 84 that Sullivan Court 27 has dissolved and St Joseph Court 31 has been suspended, leaving Fifty three Courts now in the M. C. O. F. with a membership of 3500, and a fund of $16,436.99.

Eight Courts are deficient in not giving all the items of information required by the printed form. The average age of the members of the 45 Courts that reported in full is about 35 years 4 months. The Comtee would recommend a uniform system of Book Keeping in the different Courts the books be furnished by the H. C. Comtee, The Comtee would also recommend the Simplification of the present mode of recognition as the one present form too long and intricate, Signed by the Comtee

Edward Tracey Chairman, John H Watson Sec
Carlos F Brown, W W Hurley, C H Hickey, J Tobin
John Brand

Br Ward moves the acceptance of the report and its reference to the H & C
Carried

Br Ward moved that the officers elect be installed

Br McEnany moved that Br Ward's motion be laid on the table
Carried

Br Lemasney moved to take the Consideration of the amendments to the Constitution, Carried

Br Ward moved that all questions be voted upon without debate, previous question ordered, Br Ward's motion lost

Meeting to Amendments lost

Art 5. Sec 1 adopted

Br McEnany moved to amend Art 5. Sec 1 Second line, Strike out "once" and insert twice, Lost, doubted aff 12, neg 33

Br Golding moved to amend by inserting after the word held in second line the word "at least" Carried, Doubted aff. 38, neg 13.

Art 5. Sec 1 adopted

Bro O'Loughlin moved to take out the letter a before regular in 4th line and insert instead "the time for a" Carried

Art V, Sec 1, was on motion then as amended adopted

Laid on table

Bro McGarvagle moved that the further Consideration of the Amendments to the Constitution be laid on the table Carried.

Moved that when the Convention adjourns it be to two weeks from date

Amended that the time be one week from date and the hour 2.30 pm,

Adjd from 2 p.m. Amendment Carried, Doubted off 35. Regs 5

H. T. Report

H. Treasurer Sapple made a report of the receipts under special levy

Bro Barry moved that the H. S. Com have authority to advertise in the papers that the order pay out $10,000. within the next month, Carried

Advertise $10,000

Bro McGarvagle moved that the Convention Now adjourn, Carried

Closed in regular form

Jan 1st 2 pm adj'd

Bro and J. A. D. ably

P. T. C. S

Fifth Session

Connection Massachusetts Catholic order of Foresters Caledonian Hall Elliot St Boston June 1st 82

H. C. R. McLaughlin called the Convention to order in the absence of the H. C. R. for January appointed H. C. R. pro tem. Roll Calling & Con. for Canon Rep H. C.

Minutes of previous session read and approved

H. C. reported that amount received to date on special levy as $12.100.

Amendments to Constitution taken up on motion of Bro Rogers Sec. 2 & 3 of Art 5 were adopted.

Art VI — Sec. 1.

Moved by Bro Shea of St Francis Council, that the section be amended so that the elections shall be conducted by ballot. Carried

Bro Rogers that Sec 1. Art 6. be adopted Carried. Counter. Aff 25. Neg 12 and the article was adopted

Bro Rogers moved to adopt Sec 3 Art VI Carried unanimously.

Art VI Sec 3. Bro Bailey moved to
amend by inserting after the word Auditor
in the second line, the words subject to the ap-
proval of the Court, Amendment lost
Yeas 5 Nays 22. Bro Hayes
moved the previous question, Bro Tracy
moved that the motion be laid on the table
Not Carried, Motion to refer and motion
to lie on the table lost.
Previous Question Called,
On motion Art VI Sec 3 was adopted

On motion Bro Shea Sec 4 & 5 was adopted

Art VII Sec 1 Bro Sanders moved adoption
Carried,
Sec 2. Bro Hennessy moved to strike out
Clerk charge of the books, words in 3 & 4
line of Sec 2,
Previous Question on Motion Bro Ridley
Carried, Amendment lost,
Sec 2, of Art VII was then unanimously
adopted, Bro Brown 57 moved the
adoption of Sec 3. Carried

Sec 4. Bro Ridley moved to strike the
word "One" in the last line and insert three
Bro Brank moved to insert the word immediately
after Secretary in the first line. Motion was

Art 6
Sec 1 adopted
Art 7
Sec 1 adopted
Art 7
Sec 2 adopted

accepted by Committee

Mr Barry moved to strike out all after the word Constitution in the 19th line to the word suspension in the 19th line

Mr Barry withdrew this amendment & the question of adopting Mr Riley's was put and declared carried Yeas 21 Nos 19.

Mr Tenney raised the point that an amendment to the Constitution requires a two thirds vote, which ruled the point not well taken.

Mr Tenney appealed from the decision of the Chair, after much discussion the appeal was withdrawn

Mr Tenney moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the word "one" was stricken out and the word three inserted

Carried

Mr Barry moved to strike out all after the word "section" in the second last line and insert a bond satisfactory to the Court in a sum not less than one hundred dollars" Carried the 14th as amended was then unanimously adopted

Sec 5 as amended

Sec 5 adopted on motion Bro Hurley

Bro Brant moved to amend by inserting after C. K. after Lodge in second line of 4th Amendment lost,

Section adopted, On motion of Bro. Shea the remaining Sections were then adopted

Art VII Sec 1 Bro Brown moved to adopt

Bro Golding moved to strike out in the Sixth last line of Sec 1, lost

Bro Riley moved to strike out the whole of the last sentence, lost

Bro Golding moved to amend by inserting after the word K of P and K of P Bro Barry as an amendment to the amendment moved to strike the last sentence and insert that no one shall thereafter hold office, nor be allowed to vote, Bro Barry's amendment Carried and the question on the section as thus amended was then on motion unanimously adopted

Sec 7 Amended as follows

Bro Hurd moved that all relating to honorary membership be stricken out

Mr Kelley moved the adoption of Sec 3 Art VII

Mr Sanders moved to amend by adding Every Court in the order shall in the month of October of each year retire from the funds in by special assessment Two Dollars per member in this Counties, Not adopted

Mr Kelley moved that the Convention of the Amendments be laid upon the table not carried

Mr Spalding moved to strike out in the 4th line the words "thereof the amount the words "less than" Amendment lost

Mr Richardson moved to strike out of the Court in the 4th line to the word the in the 5th line and insert said rate shall be decided at the regular Quarterly held next after this Constitution goes into effect by a two thirds vote of the members present,

Mr Lemmon moved the previous question Carried Ayes 32 Nays 21

Mr Ward's motion Not Carried, Ayes 21 Nays 17 Amendment lost

Art 5 Sec 1 Court Fees Carried 21 to 17

Bro Laughlin presents report of Financial Committee, Report on Motion
Bro Kelley accepted

Art IX, Sec 1. Bro Sweeney moved to strike out thirty and insert forty in the second line
Carried

Bro McGrath moved to insert after the word Committee in 3rd line, who fails to pay his Constitutes for a period of three months, Amendment declared not carried
Yeas 27 Nays

Bro Kelly moved the reconsideration of the vote, Carried 32 Nays 5
Bro Brown moved to make the time 40 days, Bro Barry moved as a substitute that the whole matter be referred to the H.S. Com
Carried

Bro Kenney moved that when adjournment comes up it be to Thursday 8th, Not Carried, Bro Hines moved that the further consideration of the Amendments be laid on the table, Lost
Art IX adopted as read

Art IX adopted
Recommended
Subject to modifications of Com on Const

Art IX Sec 1
Ex Dr moved
40 days stand

Bro Barry moved to adopt Art IX
Carried. Bro Golding moved that the H.S.C. remodel and arrange the Arts

of the Constitution in accordance with the relationship which an article may have to another, Carried

by Bro Brown moved to adopt Art 12

Carried,

Art 13 also adopted.

Bro Shay moved that XIX be referred to the H.S. Com. for elimination of part and harmonization with new matter

Carried

Art 15 adopted unanimously

Bro Brown moved that Art XVI be amended to read that the local physician,

Bro Hurley moved to amend by inserting attending physician,

Bro Hurley's amendment accepted

and so adopted

Bro Tennessey moved to adopt remainder of Constitution, Carried

Bro Daly moved in accordance with the recommendation of H.C. Galvin that all acts done in good faith under the H.S. Charter

Decrees to April 1859 be made valid and that rectifications of all such informalities be legalized by vote of this Convention Carried by a unanimous vote —

Bro Riley M moved that Bro Copus additional of the H C Seaty's Report be printed — Bro Tennery moved that the matter be referred to the H. I. Com Carried

Bro Morris moved that the Convention proceed to install the officers elect; the motion the installation was laid on the table

Bro Cawry moved to go into order of business of H. I. C. Comm.

Bro Mc Queary of Columbus Court by introduced by R C M Laughlin, announced his intention of Publishing a newspaper in the interest of the order, and asking recognition of the Convention as a means of reaching the members of the order, Bro it was moved that the proposition of Bro Mc Queary be accepted and that the paper be recognized as the Organ of the H. I. C. Bro Cawry moved that the matter lie on the table

Tenth Annual Session of the Massa
Chusetts Catholic Order of Foresters,
Caledonian Hall, 43 Eliot St.
Boston June 16/1874

Convention Called to order at 2.30 pm
H C R. Hon C A Galvin in the Chair

Minutes of previous Session read and
approved. H C R. McLaughlin moved
that Amendments made at Previous
Sessions and adopted but not now
adopted by the Convention, be now
put to the Convention. 27 Courts voting
Ch motion the Report of Committee on
Finance was taken from the table
Ch motion that Provision relating
to payment of salary of $ 3000 to
H C Supple H C Endorsement was stricken
out. Bro Supple declining the salary
Report as amended was adopted

Rec for Tenders for the above mentioned
of the Officers of H.K. & Co.
Resignations were then accepted

Chas Ross Jno McLaughlin Chas Mc
Goldrick were appointed a Committee
to Count the votes
Jno McLaughlin was elected to
the vacancy

H.C. called Brother
to the Chair and the following
as follows were duly installed

H.C. Jno D McLaughlin of 3rd
H.C. Thos Sparrow of 27
H.C. Chas Mc Dalton 38
H.L. Jno J Lanigan 10
H.C. Jno F Cupple 9
H.S.C. Timothy Donovan 14
H.L. Charles J Hurley 26

H. Ex. Hon. O. P. Gaborn of Chancery Ct.

H. C. C. Revd. Hugh Mac O'Donnell of H. —

H. C. of R. John B. Moran Esq. of H. —

Voted that the Constitution go into effect July 1, 1884.

Moved that 10,000 pamphlets explaining the Order be printed & distributed by the Order, the matter was referred to the H. H. Com. The minutes of these minutes were adopted — at 10 P.M.

Adjourned Sine Die

Bernard J. O'Reilly

H. C. Secty

# — 1885 —

Sixth Annual Convention of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, in Annual Session of the High Court assembled April 22. 1885

Grand Army Hall

Boston, Mass, April 22/85

High Court called to order 9.30, am. by H.C.R. James J McLaughlin, High V C Ranger. H.J.C. H.S. Sec. & H.O.S. absent

H.C.R. appointed D.S. Concannon H.S.B. James Dolan of Quincy H.O.S. Edward Riley of St Joseph H. H V C R. Bro. J A Magee of Hamilton H.J.C.

H.C.R. McLaughlin appointed the following a Committee on Credentials

Jas F Lanigan, H. F. Scanlan, J. J. Barry, Jas A McGee, J. S Concannon, Geo. W. Murray & W. H Rogers.

High Court opened in Regular form

Reading Report of Committee on Credentials

St. James Court Thomas H Brennan Sarsfield " P. J. Grady, Holbrook

Essex Court Wm J. McGee, Salem
Emerald " John J Bartlett, Peabody

W. P. Secretary Dennis J. Langjan
Chairman Committee on Credentials
reported 46 Courts present entitled
to 53 votes, as represented as follow,

Cathedral Court No. 1

James J Langjan
Dennis F. O'Sullivan

Hancock No 3

Pat J Mahoney
John J Loring

St Francis No 4

Wm E Shay, Thomas Sproules
James P Cleary proxy

Leo No 5

Daniel J McCallion
John Grant
J J McCarthy Proxy

Chevereus No. 6.

Andrew Golding

St. Patrick No. 7.

R. G. Walsh

Edward Tracey

Sherwood No. 8.

M. D. Fitzgerald

C. E. Colbert

Columbus No. 9

Jams J. Supple

Iona No. 10

Jas M. Carthy

P. H. Desmond

St. Joseph No. 11.

P. O'Loughlin

Edward Riley

Henry Griffin

Fulton Court No 12

Henry F Scanlan

Fitzpatrick No 13

C. F. Reynolds — Thomas McCullough

St. Peter & Paul #15

John J Tobin

D. A. Concannon, Proxy

Essex No 16

John H. Watson — Wm F McGee

Hamilton No 17.

Jas F McGee

St Peter No 18.

John H Donovan

Williams No. 19
Michael Burke

Mount Pleasant No. 20
Frank J. McGrath

St. Alphonsus No 21
James J. Barry

O'Connell No 22
P. W. Reardon

St. John No. 23 Thomas Mulcahy

(Annunciata No. 24)

St. Gregory No. 24.
Michael Donovan

St. Francis No 25
Michael Dempsey

St Raphael No 26

Charles J Hurley

Erin No 28

Roman J O'Daly

St Thomas No. 29

James B. Coaley

Rasso River No 30

Patk Garmican

Dealey No 3

Frank E. Tracey

Jno McMahon

St John #33

John A. Kenney

American No 34

James J McLaughlin

Shell Court No 35

John O'Hare

St Joseph No 38

Peter Morris

Star of the Sea No 41

Jas F. Coleman

St Bernard No 44

Wm H Magar

St Augustin No 46

Geo W Murray

St Anne No 47

Wm F Moore, John F. Riley

Tarsfield P. F. Grady

Constantine No 49

Jas A Berrell

Lydon No 50

Jos D. Couch M. D

Holy Trinity No 51

Christian Lambrecht

Highland No 52

Thos F. Slater

Emerald No 53

John J Bartlett.

St Agnes No 54

Jere G. Flannery

Charles River No 55

W E Conroy

Clinton No 56

John W. Corcoran

On motion Report accepted.

W.C.R appointed the following Committees

Finance

Edward Kelly 11
Wm E Shay 4
J. J. Irving 3
D.G. Fennessy 524
G W Murray 49
F J McGrath 20
D S O'Gorman 37

Constitution

Hon O'Gabrin 46
P O'Loughlin 11
Dan H Watson 16
J. J Barry 21
Wm F. Moore 47
Wm H Magee 44
Jere Coleman 41

Appeals

C. E. Colbert 8
J. Mc Cullough 13
M. J. Burke 19
M. Dunphy 25
John Bowler 22
C. J. Hurley 26
C. A. Morgan 39

Petitions

John O'Hare 35
P. D. Couch M. D. 39
Jas. A. Borrill 49
John H. Donovan 18
S. H. Blake 24
D. J. M. Callion 5
Patk. Stanton 30

Reading minutes of previous Convention
On motion of Bro Hennessy dispensed with

On Motion Bro Barry that address of High Chief Ranger, and other Officers Reports be read by title Carried

Moved by Bro. Flannery, that so much of H.C.R.s report as relates to Record work be readily H.C. Secy Carried also that relating to Reserve

Bro Barry moved that the matter of Reserve be referred to a Committee of 9 and the H.S. Com.

Bro Riley amended that the number be 15, Not Carried, Doubted Rising vote Yeas 33, Nays 6

Question as Amended carried

Bro Barry offered the following resolution

Resolved that this Convention deem it advisable and expedient to create a Reserve Fund

Resolution put and carried

Bro Flannery moved that a Committee of 7 be appointed on Secret work appointment to lie with the H. Ranger

Carried

Bro Tennessey moved the order of Business Rules 10. 11. 12 be suspended Carried

Bro Watson moved that 5000 Copies of printed Report be printed

Bro Barry moved that a printed Copy be sent of sixty years Report to every member one month befor the next Convention

Bro Riley moved lay the question on the Table for the present, Carried

Moved to adjourn until 2 o c pm

Carried

High Court Opened at 2 pm
H.C.R. in the Chair
Rev. Watson moved to take from the table matter of printing 5000 Copies of Report. Carried

Rev. O'Loughlin moved that the last four lines referring to unadjusted Claims be stricken out,

Rev. Watson moved to amend that these be changed to leave out one of the Cases, lost
Original Motion put, not Carried

Question on printing 5000 Copies then put and Carried

Rev. Langan moved that in the absence of the Regular representative of Cathedral Court, that C.R. Dunn be allowed to represent the Court
Matter Discussed and on Motion be definitely postponed

Rev. Mc Grath moved to reconsider vote whereby the Convention refused to strike out from H.C.R. address. Carried

Moved that all reference to the Hawkins "Ill. unadjusted case be left out

Previous Question Called, Not Carried

Bro Flennesey moved to strike out from matter on adjusted case, all after first period, Not Carried
Doubted yeas 13 Nays 32

Moved that the strictures referred to be made to read in a general sense
Carried, Doubted Yeas 36 Nays 10

Bro Riley Chairman of Committee on Finance, Presented the following Report

After careful examination of the Books and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer, they are found to be Correct in every particular as printed in Annual Report, And we our Committee recommend the appropriations as they appear in the following items

1884

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| H.C. Secretary, Salary 1884 | $500.00 |
| Excess of Expenditures | 232.82 |

1885

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| H.C. Secretary, Salary, 1885 | $500.00 |
| H.C. Treasurer " " | 300.00 |
| Printing, and postage | 217.18 |
| H.S. Low, to organize new Courts H.C. | 500.00 |
| Printing 5000 Copies Report | 100.00 |
| Secretary work | 50.00 |
| | $2400.00 |

(3000 members at a per Cap, of .80 Cents, 40 Cents to be paid in two months, 40 Cents in 6 months)

Respectfully Submitted

Edward Riley St Joseph, 11
Wm E. Shay St Frances, 4
Frank W. Grath, Mt Pleasant, 20
Geo. W. Murray St Augustine, 46
John Irving Emmick, 3
Jere G. Tennessey St James 54

Moved by Bro Hartnett that Report be accepted.

Amended by Bro Magee that it be accepted and adopted.

Amendment put and Carried, Question as Amended put and Carried

P.M.C.K. Bro O.F. Galvin Chairman Committee on Constitution, presented following Report

The Committee on Constitution recommend the passage of the following resolution

When a Member so suspended for non payment of assessments the Examination required by Sec 3. Art X Subordinate Court Constitution may be made by any Medical Examiner of the order (previous to the reinstatement)

When a Member is suspended for non payment of assessments the fee for Examination by a Medical Examiner previous to the reinstatement shall be one dollar

The Committee further recommend that no change be made in the Constitution, but where mistakes, or omissions have been made the High Standing Committee shall have power to correct or supply the same, and in the next edition of the Constitution shall incorporate the foregoing resolutions

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| Owen P. Galvin | Chemainus | Vote |
| John H Watson | Esquimalt | " 16 |
| Wm H Magee | St Bernard | " 464 |
| J. F. Coleman | Harrisonburg | " 41 |
| W. F. Moore | St Anne | " 47 |
| P. O'Loughlin | St Joseph | " |

Rev Shaw moved the adoption of the Report

Previous question ordered

Motion main question put and Carried

Committee on appeals reported Nothing Came before it.

Committee on petitions reported no petitions Came before it

Bro Morris Chairman Committee on Good of the Order, reported as follows

The Committee on Good of the Order have attended to their duty, and would respectfully (report as) recommend the following

First, the Committee would Congratulate the Order on the sound, healthy, Condition in which it now stands, also the Order to be Congratulated in the Amount of labor performed by the High Standing Committee in its endeavor to perpetuate the Order. There are a few things which the Committee would recommend to the future H.H. Con which are as follow

That the Committee (H.S.) be requested at its earliest convenience to procure a suitable room or rooms centrally located on Washington St or some other street of good location, to hold its Meetings and transact the necessary business of the H.H. Con, also that the decree of this Committee is that this

High Standing Committee be requested to use their best endeavors, and strong efforts in spreading the throughout the different Cities and towns of the State of Massachusetts Court to where Court to do not now exist. The Committee would lay special stress on perpetuating the order. In Conclusion your Committee would recommend that the High Standing Committee would give a little more attention to Courts outside the immediate Centre of the City than has been the Custom heretofore

Peter Moores 38
Jas J Bavey 21
J H Slater 52

Bro. Jennessey moved the adoption of the report

Election of officers
next Came up

Bro Galvin moves that a Committee to count and declare the results of the Ballot be appointed, Carried

Bro Shay H. Kenney 33, Mulcahey 23
were appointed as that Committee

Bro Watson moved in very complimentary
terms the name of James J McLaughlin
the present incumbent for High
Chief Ranger,
Bro. Barry seconded the
nomination as one worthy of the
order.
On a ballot 43 votes being
Cast
Jas J McLaughlin was unanimously
elected High Chief Ranger

Bro Concannon proposed the name
of Thomas Sproules for High Chief
Ranger

Bro Burke proposed the name of
Jas J Barry for that office

Tellers reported result of Ballot as
follows Whole number of votes Cast 46
Necessary for Choice — 24

Jas J Barry has 26
Thos F Sproules has 20, and

Jas J Barry was declared elected
High Rce Chief Ranger

Revd Hugh Rae O'Donnell "Star of the Sea" 444

was unanimously by acclamation
selected High Court Chaplain but
in accordance with law a ballot
was had and 40 votes cast pro forma

Bro Watson proposed the name
of Bernard J O'Daly for High Court Secty

Report of Tellers as follows
Whole number of votes cast 40
Necessary to a Choice 21

Bernard J O'Daly had 39
Jas J Lanigan 1
and Bernard J O'Daly was elected
High Court Secretary

High Financial Secretary

Whole number of votes Cast 38
Necessary to a Choice 20

Jas J Langan had 38, and he
was unanimously elected H.F. Secty

High Court Treasurer

Whole number of votes 38
Necessary to a Choice 20

Jas F Supple had 38, and he
was unanimously elected High Court
Treasurer,

High Senior Conductor

Whole number of votes 40
Necessary to a Choice 21

John H Watson had 38
D J McCallion " 2 and
John H Watson was elected
High Senior Conductor

High Junior Conductor

Whole number of votes 38
Necessary to a choice 20

C. Hurley had 14 votes
Ed Tracey " 12 "
Edward Riley 11
C. Colbert 1

No choice

Second Ballot

Whole number of votes 44
Necessary to a Choice 23

C. Hurley had 12
Ed Tracey " 10
Edw'd Riley — 22

No choice

High Junior Conductor

Third Ballot

Whole number of votes Cast 46
Necessary to a Choice 24

A G. Flannery had 1
Ed D Tracey " 9
C J Hurley " 9
Edward Riley " 27, and

Edward Riley was declared elected
High Junior Conductor

High Junior Sentinel

Whole number of votes 44
Necessary to a Choice 23

John Brant had 19
Wm E Shay " 1
E. Rilar 1
Jere G Flannery had 23, and
Jere G. Flannery was declared
elected H J Sentinel

High Outside Sentinel

Whole number of votes 44
Necessary to a choice 20

Edward Tracy had 41, and
he was declared elected
High Outside Sentinel

High Chief Ranger McLaughlin then
vacated the Chair and the
installation of the Officers elect was
conducted by P.H.C.R.

Bro. O'Galvin assisted by P.H.S.B.
Charles J. Hurley

H.O.S. absent

The following were duly
installed as officers of the High Court
of the Massachusetts Catholic
Order of Foresters

H.C.R. James J. McLaughlin, Ameresbury 344

H.O.C.R. Joseph Barry St. Alphonsus 24

H.C.S. Bernard J O'Daly, Esqr 28

W.D. Jas J Langin Cathedral 1

H.C.Y. Jas F Supple, Columbus 9

H.S. Cor. John H Watson Essex 16

H.J.C. Edward Kilroy St Joseph 11

H.S. Jer G Flannery St James 52

Moved and seconded that the proceedings of the Annual Session of the High Court be approved and adopted

Carried

Moved that High Court adjourn subject to the call of the H.S. Committee

Carried

Closed in regular form at 7.12 p.m.

Bernard J O'Daly
H.C. Secty

# 1886

Seventh Annual Session of the
High Court of the Massachusetts
Catholic Order of Foresters
United Fellowship Hall 26 Vernon Park Street
Boston Mass. Apl 28. 1886

High Court called to order at 10.26 am
by Chas J. M. Laughlin H.C.R
Opened in regular form

High Court officers present
Jas J. Barry H.V.C.R
Bernard J. O'Daly H.C.S.
Jas J. Lanigan H.T.S
Jas F. Supple H.C.T.
John H. Watson H.S.C.
Edward Riley H.J.C.
Jas G. Tumesey H.O.S

H.C.R appointed R.C.R H.F. Scanlan
H.O.S pro tem

H.C.Secty read the call for the assembling
of the High Court in Annual Session.
H.C.R. declared the Session
Opened. and then appointed the following

First Session 4th Court 1886

On Credentials

Jas J. Langan Cathedral #1
P. J. O'Connell Emmet #3
C. J. Jordan Fitzpatrick #13
C. H. Riley St Raphael 26
~~Wm. O'Donnell~~ Star of the Sea #1
Pat Ryan Sarsfield 48
John H. Cronin Carroll 57
Thomas Hoey

Committee on Credentials reported through Jas J. Langan as follows

48 Courts represented by 55 delegates

Cathedral No 1

Jas J. Langan
Thos J. Dunn

Emmet No 3

P. J. O'Connell

Continued

St Francis No 4

W E Shay

Wm Killeen, proxy

Leo, No. 5

John Brant

John Gallagher proxy

Clinton No. 6

Hon. O. A. Galvin

Wm. J Rich

St Patrick No. 7

E G King proxy

Columbus No 9

James F. Tupple

St Joseph No 11

P. O Loughlin

Edward Riley

L P. Magee

First Session Oct 1886

Fulton No 12

Henry F Scanlan

Fitzpatrick No 13

C J Jordan

Lafayette No 14

Timothy Donovan

St Peter & Paul

John B White

Essex No 16

John H Watson

J B Harding

Hamilton No 17

James Mitchell

St Peter 18

Thomas J Lane

Continued

Williams No 19

Wm. P. Kelley

Mt. pleasant No 20

Frank J. McGrath

St Alphonsus No 21

Denis J. Barry

St John No. 23

John H. Russell

St Gregory No 24

Michael Dunnican

St. Francis No 25

John C. Pendé

Ecm No 28

Bernard J. Daly

First Session 7th Court 1886

St Thomas No 29

Jas P Conley proxy

Bass River "30

Patrick Gunnigan

Amherst No. 31

Jas J M Laughlin

Shediac No 35

John P Ward

McAlpine No 36

Jas J McCloskey

Friendship No 37

Harry C Byrne

St Joseph No 38

Peter Morris

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Bradish No 39

Joseph D. Couch Mas pilot

Star of the Sea No 41

Thomas Hoey

St Mary 43

W. W. Hadley

St Bernard No 44

W. H. Magee

Unity No 45

R. A. Reynolds

St Ann No 47

John J. Flaherty

Sarsfield No 48

Patrick Ryan

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Constantine No 49

James A. Berrill

Holy Trinity No 51

Joseph Tondorf, Proxy,

Highland No 52

Thomas A Slater, proxy,

Emerald No 53

Thomas F. Lyons

St James No 54

Jno A. Finnerty

Charles River No 55

P. A Murray

Clinton No 56

John W Corcoran

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Carroll No 57

John H Cronin

Prospect No 58

Wm F Rooney

Worcester No 59

John B Ratigan

Middlesex No 60

Dep as R M. Laughlin

On motion Bro Flannagan report of Committee on Credentials was accepted

The following PCR was proposed as members of the High Court

A B White No 15. R J Walsh 7. D R Harding 16
Thos Dunn 4 J Driscoll 14. P. Dolan 14
J Donovan 14. T H Collins 52. W Byrne 37
P H Ryan 48 J H Cronin 57

First Session H Court 1886

H. C. R appointed the following Committees

Constitution

Hon D. L. Galvin No. 6

John W. Corcoran 56

W Eckley 4

R. J. Walsh 7

W H Magee 44

Frank J. McGrath 20

John B Katigan 59

Finance

P. O'Loughlin 11

W J Scanlan 12

Jos D. Coach. M D 39

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James A Berrill 49

John P Dore 8

John S Kenney 38

Thomas J Dunn 1

Appeals -

John J Flaherty 47

Timothy Donovan 14

John B White 15

Harry C Byrne 37

P A Murray 55

Dr. J. R. M. Laughlin 60

Peter Morris 38

Appeals

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On Petitions

J P J Ward 35

Thos Lane 18

W W Hurley 43

Eugene Linehan 29

J. B Harding 16

P. A. Harding, Reynolds 45

M Hasenfus 51

State of the Order

Edward Riley 11

John Brant 5

Wm Kelley 19

J C Murphy 46

P. Gunneran 30

John Clendis 25

M. Dunnean 24

Petitions

State of the Order

Continued

Records of last session of the High Court.

Moved by Bro. Fleming that the reading be dispensed with.

Bro Slater objected to the passage of such a motion, and Bro G Alcorn objected to its withdrawal

H.C.R put the motion, and declared it Carried

Vote doubted

Verified affirmative 30 negative 9

And the reading of the records was dispensed with

H.C.R presented Report of H.S. Corp

On motion Bro. Barry the reading of this and other printed documents was dispensed with

H.C. Chetty presented Annual Report as also did the H.C. Treasurer

Bro J. Corcoran, presented petition of Clinton Court 56. as follows

Petitions

H.C. Home Reports

First Session H Court 1886

To the Convention of the Catholic order of Foresters

Clinton Court No 56 Appeal

Respectfully represents Clinton Court No 56 that it is aggrieved at the decision of the High Standing Committee in refusing payment in the matter of Martin J Cotter therefore said Court prays that this Convention order said Endowment to be paid

By J W Corcoran

Delegate

Clinton Court No 56 Appeal

Bro O K Galvin presented the petition of Clinton Court No 6 that payment of the Endowment in the Case of the late Richard Downey be paid to his dependent

O K Galvin C R.

Clinton Court No 56 Appeal

Bro Corcoran presented the following

To the Convention of the M C O F

Respectfully Shews Clinton Court No 56 that it is aggrieved at the action of the S H Committee in requesting the resignation of Dr O'Connor as their Physician

Continued 1886

Wherefore they pray that this Convention order that said Convention request be recalled

By J W Corcoran
Delegate

H C R read the following appeal

To Andrew Golding D. H. C. R

I appeal against the action of Constantine Court in appointing a Committee appeals the last order of the H. S. Conv. about the approval of applicants to the Mass achusetts Catholic Order of Foresters yours fraternally

Wm. J. Golding

Wm J Golding appeal

Amendments to the Constitution, Numbers 16. 17 & 18. read & referred

Br Galvin moved that par. 6. of H. S. Conv recommendations, that referring to a new degree be referred to a special Committee of 5 members Carried

First Session H Court 1886

W. F. Seely presented his report

a reference taughet to pay High Court per Capita, those Courts named being Constantine Shad & Clinton

Bro Barry moved that the three Courts be debarred from participating in the business of the Convention

Brothers Berrill, Ward & Corcoran explained their ignorance of the fact of their Courts being deadlists in the matter.

Matter discussed by Bros Timoney & O'Loughlin and Shea Bro Barry withdrew the motion On motion W. F. Seely reported accepted

Bro O'Loughlin offered by consent an Amendment to the Constitution No. 20 referring to a $500 Endowment, or half rate policy

Bro Riley moved that the petition of Clinton Court in the Estelle claim be referred to the Committee On Appeals, and it was ordered

$1.00 per Cap. Assessment H Court

Continued 1886

H.C.R decided in the matter of D. O'Connor that the subject could not come before this session and he would so decide.

Appeal against decision of C.J. in Legislative Council

claimed that High Court had the right to act upon the matter and therefore appealed against the decision of the H.C.R.

H.C.R explained that D. O'Connor was requested by letter to and his resignation to this he made no reply therefore as a matter of discipline this was a neglect on part of Medical Examiner

H.C.R put the appeal and the appeal was not sustained. The H.C.R Ranger decision standing as the voice of the H. Court.

Moved that High Court take a recess (12.35) until 2.15 pm

Carried, adjourned to the Lord Named

High Court M C O F

Afternoon Session

High Court called to order at 2.30 pm
H C R W. Laughlin presiding

Conductors under the usual Examination

Bro Galvin Chairman Committee on Constitution reported that the Committee asked for further time

Bro Watson moved that the report be accepted as Progressive Carried

Bro Riley Chairman Committee on the State of the Order present the following report

To the High Chief Ranger.

Your Committee after a careful examination of all reports presented to the Convention, and all the information from all other sources are of opinion that the order generally is in a very healthy condition and at least it is in as prosperous a condition as any of our Assessment Associations

Com Constitution
Report

Com Grand Officers Report

afternoon Continued

And we further cheerfully recommend to the Convention for their approval all the Amendments on page 6. of the High Chief Rangers report

Respectfully

Edward Riley #11
John Brant 5
J. J. Hughes #6
P. Gunnoan 30
Thos Kilby 19

Bro Barry moved the acceptance of the report. Carried

Bro Ward Chairman Committee on Appeals reported no business before Committee, moved that Committee be discharged. Carried

H.C.R. appointed as Special Committee on Par. 6 H.C.R. Report Page 7

Bro A. A. Galvin Chairman #6
Jas Supple Columbus 9
Thos O'Neill #11. Timothy O'Meara 14. J. J. Kenney #33

Special Committee Par. 6. H.C.R. Patterson

First session (afternoon) Feb 1886.

Bro Hadley of St Raphael Court moves a suspension of the Standing Rules for the purpose of proceeding to the election of officers.

Bro Galvin moved that the question lie on the Table until report of Committee on Finance was presented to the Convention

Appeal Cuth Brown Wm Goslin.

Committee on Appeals through Bro Flaherty reported leave to withdraw in the Case of Wm Goslin against Constantine Court

On motion Report of Committee was accepted

Appeal Wm Flaherty Clinton #56

Bro Flaherty from same Committee reported leave to withdraw in the Case of Clinton Court's appeal in the matter of the payment of Endowment in the Case of Mr Costello

Bro Ward moved in view of the interests involved in this Case that the report be laid on the table

Motion put and declared lost

The Question on leave to withdraw further discussed by Bro Corcoran, Cupple, Timoney Reynolds & Flaherty

Afternoon continued

Motion on acceptance of the report of the Committee then put and the report was accepted

Bro Flaherty reported on the matter of the petition of Chaverus Court, as follows

In the matter of Richard Downey the Committee recommend that the claim be paid

J. Flaherty for the Com.

Moved that the report be referred back to Committee to report next meeting Carried

Appeal Chaverus #6

Bro O'Loughlin Chairman Committee on Finance Reported as follows.

The Committee on Finance examined the accounts of the Officers of the High Court charged with the Care or Expenditure of money and found them Correct and that to meet the amount due from last year and also the Expenses of the High Court and W.C. Committee a sum of $2170.00 would be required

Finance Report Committee

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Apportioned as follows

H C Secty & H C Treasurers
salaries for 1885 $695.00

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|---|---|
| High Court Secretary Salary | 500.00 |
| " Treasurer " | 400.00 |
| Printing Endowment Rolls | 50.00 |
| " Annual Reports | 50.00 |
| Expenses H S Committee | 150.00 |
| " Postage | 60.00 |
| 5000 Constitutions | 65.00 |
| H S Com. Hall | 150.00 |
| Incidental Expenses | 50.00 |
| Total | $2170.00 |

That reports of Convention be published in The Guide. That to make up for any falling off the per Capita be assessed at 80 cts. Per member.

Signed P. O Loughlin
H. F. McCahan
Jos D Couch
John P Dore
Edwd A Kenney
Thos J Dunn
Jas A Berrill

Report Finance Com.

Continued

Bro Ward moved that the Report be accepted and adopted

Carried

Bro Ward moved to take the motion to proceed to election of officers from the table Carried

M motion proceed to election of officers

Bro Haberly moved that the H C Body be authorized to cast one ballot for Bro M Laughlin for H C R -

High Chief Ranger declined as he was not a candidate for reelection

Bro O P Gelvin Past H Chief Ranger proposed the name of John H Watson of Essex Court Salem Mass as a well tried and trusty Forester who would do honor to any office and would honorably fill the office of H C R for which office he had the honor to nominate him

Bro C R M Laughlin of Middlesex Court Newton seconded the nomination of Bro Watson and in doing so Complimented the Nominee and applauded the head and fraternal views made expedient in such a nomination.

High Chief Ranger Nominated

First Session (afternoon) H Court 1886.

Proxy representatives Thomas A Slater of Highland Court nominated High V.C.R. Jas. J. Barry for the office of High Chief Ranger, in doing so complimented the nominee, saying that Bro Barry's advancement would be in the line of Civil Service if he was elected High Chief Ranger

H.V.C.R. Barry declined the use of his name saying he was not a candidate for any office

Tellers Bros Shay & Hurley 26 and J Canavan 12, were upon motion appointed by the H.C.R. to distribute Count and declare the result of the Ballot

Bro Jas F. Supple High Court Treasurer nominated Thomas Sproules of St Francis Court H for the office of H.V.C.R.

Bro Joseph Jordan proxy representative of Holy Trinity Court seconded the nomination of Bro Sproules and paid an eloquent tribute to his qualities as a man and a forester

Continued 1886 –

Pending nominations for H.V.C.R. the Tellers reported the result of the Ballot for High Chief Ranger

Whole number of votes cast 57
Necessary for a choice 29

John H. Watson had 52
Scatter Jas J. Berry " 5
P. O'Loughlin " 1

and John H. Watson was declared elected High Chief Ranger of the Mass Catholic Order of Foresters

Bro O'Loughlin moved to make the ballot unanimous, Carried

Thomas A. Slater proxy representative nominated P. O'Loughlin St Joseph " for the office of H.V.C.R.

Bro O'Loughlin thanked the Bro. for the Compliment but declined the use of his name for any office

Ex. C. Ballots
Tellers
Thos Hartley Hamilton

First Session (afternoon) 4 Court 1886

Sir G. Tilley, Representative St James Court 57 nominated the Rev Hugh Rob O'Donnell of Stanley Ward for the office of High Court Chaplain

Moved that an additional Committee of three Tellers be appointed to assist Court and declare the result of Ballot Carried H C R appointed Boo Doxe 8 Kelly 19 Lane 18.

H C R Chaplain Nominated

Tellers on Ballot for High Vice Chief Ranger reported as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 57
necessary for a Choice 29

Thomas Sproules had 51 votes

H C R Ballot Tellers Stanley Hamilton

and Thomas Sproules was declared elected High Vice Chief Ranger of the Court

Bro Loughlin moved that the election be made unanimous, Carried

Continued 1886

John J Flaherty representative of St Anne Court, nominated Bernard O'Daly of Erin Court 28. for the office of High Court Secretary

Thomas F. Lyons of Emerald Court seconded the nomination

Pending nominations for H C Secty, Tellers reported Rev Hugh Roe O'Donnell unanimously elected H C Chaplain.

H C Chaplain
Rev Hugh Roe O'Donnell
elected June 1886

Thomas A Slater proxy representative of Highland Court nominated Robert Kiefe of St Francis Court 20 for H C Secty

H C R declared the nominee ineligible as he was not a P C R and member of the High Court.

Peter Morris representative of Joseph Court no 38 nominated Thomas J Lane of Jasper 18. as a Candidate for H C Secty

H C Secty Thomas J Lane

Thomas A Slater proxy representative of Highland Court seconded the nomination of Thos J Lane

Forty seven (afternoon) August 1886

P.C. Ward to present a new Chief Court 35
nominated Thos F. Tupple of Columbus Court
for the office of High Court Treasurer

Taking Ballot for High Court Treasurer
Tellers reported result of Ballot
for High Court Secretary

Whole number of votes Cast 55
Necessary to a Choice 28

Bernard O'Daly had 38 votes
Thos Lane " 13 "
Jno O'Boyle " 1
W F O'Donnell " 1. Bro Flaherty - 1
and Bernard O'Daly was declared elected
High Court Secretary

Bro Loughlin moved that the election be
made unanimous, Bro Slater spoke
in opposition, & desired to be recorded
P.C. put the motion, and
declared not a vote, proxy representative
Thomas A Slater voting in the Negative, and
he is so recorded

High Court Secretary Ballot
Tellers
Henry Hurley & Jno Lane

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Tellers reported result of Ballot for High Court Treasurer as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 55
necessary to a choice 28

James Tupple had 53
Scattering 2
and Jas T Tupple was declared elected High Court Treasurer

Bro. Ward moved that the election be made unanimous, Carried

Frank J McGrath representative of St. Pleasant Court nominated Jas J Lanigan for the office of High Financial Secretary Peter Morris representative of St Joseph Court 38 seconded the nomination

High Secretary Collector

E G King proxy representative of St Patrick Court nominated R G Walsh of St Patrick Court Thos Dunn representative of Cathedral Court nominated Kelly of

P J Loughlin representative St Joseph Court 11

Ballot for H C Treasurer

H F Daly nominated

First session (afternoon) March 1886

Nominated Edward Riley of St Joseph Court No 11 for the office of High Inland Conductor

Tellers on Ballot for High Financial Secretary reported as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 57
Necessary to Choose 26

Edward Langan had 44
T. D. Dunn " 2
J. E. Pendis " 1
Thos Kelley " 1
E. Cronin " 1
T. J. Lane 1
T. O'Neil 1

And James J Langan was declared elected High Financial Secretary

High Financial Secretary
Edward Langan
Elected

High Junior Conductor

Timothy Donovan representative of La Fayette Court nominated
Eneas G Kennedy of St James Court for High Junior Conductor;
P. F. Quinlevan representative Bacon River Court seconded the nomination

High Junior Conductor

Continued 1886

W E Shay representative of St Francis Ch. 44 nominated Dr Jas R McLaughlin of Middlesex Court for High Grade Satchel

F J McGrath representative Mt Pleasant Ch seconded the nomination

Tellers on Ballot of High Senior Conductor reported as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 48
Necessary to a choice 25

Edward Riley had 41
Mat Riley " 4
R G Walsh " 2
Blank 1

and Edward Riley was declared elected H S Conductor

Tellers on Ballot High Junior Conductor reported as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 46
Necessary to a Choice 24

Thomas G Hennessy had 37
Scattering 9

McGrath 3 Drumm 2 Donnell 1 Hartnett 1 Hurley 1 Drumm 1

Ballot 1 T Hennessy 37

H S C Ballot
Tellers
Thos Hartnett Sec'y

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And Jos. G. Hennessy was declared elected High Junior Conductor -

High Inside Sentinel Tellers reported result of Ballot as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 46
Necessary for Choice 24

Wm. Jas. R. McLaughlin had 45
Scattering 1

And Jas. R. McLaughlin was declared elected High Inside Sentinel

Wm. J. Kelley representative Williams Court 19 nominated John Brant of Leo Court for the office of High Outside Sentinel

Wm. B. White rep. St. Peter & Paul nominated John J. Tobin for same office

Tellers reported result of Ballot on High Outside Sentinel as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 37
Necessary for Choice 20

John Brant had 26
John J. Tobin " 11
Scattering 2

Fd. A. Keller
Tellers
Thos. Hartley Mc Nan

Jos. J. Reid
Tellers
Thos. Hartley McNan

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and John Brant was declared
elected High Inside Sentinel

High Court Physician

Bro D. Lynch Tu. D. representative of
of Benedict Court 39 nominated
John B Moran M.D. St Francis Court
4 for High Court physician
Bro Hennessy representative St Jams
Court seconded the nomination

Tellers reported result of Ballot
as follows

Whole number of votes Cast 39
Necessary to Choose 20

John B Moran M D has 36 votes
Scattering 3
and John B Moran M D was
elected High Court physician

Bro Loughlin moved that the election
of High Inside Sentinel be made
unanimous Carried

Trans. to High Ct.

Hop. Ballot
Tellers
Tellers Book

Fortnightly afternoon, High Court 1886

Bro. Ward moved that when the High Court adjourned it be to meet in this Hall one week from Sunday (9th) at 2 p.m. Carried

Bro Ward moved that the installation of the officers elect be proceeded with Carried

High Chief Ranger McLaughlin then requested P.H.C.R. Bro O.F. Galvin to conduct the Installation.

P.H.C.R. Galvin assumed the Chair P.C.R. John H. Ward acting as High Conductor.

The following were then duly installed in their respective offices

H.C.R. Ranger, John H. Watson, Bradly Farms Mass
Essex Court 16 Salem Mass

V.H.C. Ranger
Thomas Sprowles 1352 Tremont St Boston
St Francis Court 2014

H. Chief Ranger Owen O'Daly Boston
Erin Court 28

Installation of High & Court Officers
of the Mass. Catholic Order of Foresters
for 1886 and 1887

Adjd to meet Sunday 2 p.m.
W.T. Hall

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W. F. Scully — James J. Langan 6054 Harrison Ave. Boston
Cathedral Court 701

H. C. Treasurer, Jos F. Supple 195 Dorchester Ave "
Columbus Court 609

H. Sec. Edward Riley 30 Hawkins St. "
St Joseph Court 11

H. Sen. Jere G. Hennessey Post House "
St James Court 54

H. J. Sen. Dr Jas R. McLaughlin Newton, Mass
Middlesex Court 60.

H. D. Sentinel, John Rourke 188 Brompton St E Boston
Leo Court 5

Bro. Flaherty moved the following

Resolved that the High Court tenders its thanks to James J. McLaughlin retiring H.C.R. for the able, impartial and zealous manner in which he discharged the duties of that office.

Bros Shay, Hennessey & Co supported

Dispensation H.C. Officers 2 C
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P.H.C. McLaughlin
Complimentary
Resolution

First Session adjourned

The Resolutions in language warmly Complimentary to R.H.C.R. M. Laughlin

Resolution put by H.C.R. Watson and unanimously adopted

Br Galvin moved that the Lodge now adjourn to date named, 9th Carried

H.C.R. Watson closed the Session in due and regular form,

Lodge at 6.30 pm

Bernard J. O'Daly

R.C.S.

Second Session of Annual Session of the High Court of the Massachusetts Catholic order of Foresters, adjourned from Apl 28.

United Fellowship Hall
26 Union park St. Boston, Mass
May 9. 1886.

High Court called to order at 2.05 pm H.C.R. Watson in the Chair

H. A. Jon Riley reports H.C.R. H.J.C. H.S.B. & H.O.D. absent. Bro. Shay, Sun Rogers & King respectively appointed to fill those offices pro-tem.

High Conductors reports all Right Bros Sproules. Supple Tumeney Mc Laughlin & Brant arrived and assumed their respective positions

Frank E Tracey of Quality Court 3 - presented his credentials as representative accepted

High Court opened with prayer

Record of previous session of this Annual session read. Bro. Shay moving that the portion relating to numerical record of the

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of the Ballot at the election of High Court Officers be dispensed with David.

Record on motion approved

Committee on Constitution through the Chairman P.H.C.R. Gelvin presented pending reading report it was suggested that each article be taken up and acted upon separately. H.C.R. decided there being no objection that each Amendment would be acted upon separately

Bro. C Tennessy moved owing to desire of Bro. Flaherty to take the train for Gloucester that he be allowed to present his report in the case of Richard Downey.

H.C.R announced no objection being made Bro. Flaherty was at liberty to report

Bro Flaherty presented following Report

In the matter of petition of heirs of Richard J Downey your Committee recommend That the claim be paid

John J Flaherty
for Committee on Appeals

C. J. Downey
Claim paid

Representative moved that the report be accepted Carried

Rep. Shay moved that the report be adopted

Brothers Barry Flaherty Pendis Dunncan Donovan Tunney Ward Galvin Supple Bennell O'Loughlin debated the matter

Brother Magee moved that the vote on the question be taken by a yea and nay Carried

Roll called result of vote yea 23 nay 28 and the motion to adopt report of Committee was lost

Bro Barry moved a reconsideration hoping it would not prevail. matter discussed and motion withdrawn

Bro Galvin moved a reconsideration

Bro O'Loughlin moved that the whole matter lie on the table. Carried affirmative 35 negative 11

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Committee on Constitution

Bro Galvin presented Amendment No 20 by order of the Committee, which reads as follows

That the Constitution be so Amended that there shall be established within the Order a $500 death benefit fund, which shall be designated as degree No. 1. Committee report it be not adopted.

Bro O'Loughlin spoke in favor of adoption of the Amendment Bro Galvin hoped the report of Com. would be adopted

Bro Magee moved that the matter lie on the table until next meeting Carried

See page 242 Doc. 17, Reserve

Bro Galvin then separated Document 18

Doc 18 Recommendations of Com. page 6 H.C.R. Report

H. Com. 1st Rec. That the two dollars tax for transfer from one Court to another be abolished. Committee recommended the adoption Bro O'Laughlin moved report be adopted Carried

Dec 18, 2nd That transfer Cards be issued at a
W.H.Com tax or cost of ten cents per Card.
Committee reported adversely
Bro Dixon moved Committees
report be adopted Carried

T.S.C 3rd Committee reported an amended form
to read as follows. That the Trustees in
a subordinate Court be not required
to give bond except by vote of the Court

Bro M. Callion moved its adoption Carried

W.H.Com 4th That Constitutional provision be made
for the Amalgamation of two or more Courts
whose interests are identical, and when so
desired by a majority of the members of each

Bro M. Laughlin moved its adoption Carried
Bro M. Callion moved to lay on table Carried

W.H.Com 5th. Committee substituted the following
resolve instead of the printed recommendation

Certificate Memberships

Resolved that it is the sense of the Convention
that each member of the Order should
purchase a Certificate of Membership as an
evidence of his Connection with the order
Bro M. Laughlin moved its adoption Carried

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See P. 2440 Reference

Committee's report on Document #7. presented by R.W. & R. Galvin as follows on Bro. Gordon's Reserve amendment, this as substitute

Reserve Reports

The Committee recommend the creation of a Reserve Fund in the hands of each Court to be raised by an assessment

Bro. Galvin Courtesy

levied on each member of two dollars

Constitution

per year.

$1.00 payable on the first meeting in June and $1.00 on the first meeting in November [for] this amendment.

Bro. Gordon supported and accepted substitute offered Bro. Kennedy moved that the subject be laid over until next meeting

Dec. 18. 7th. On motion referred back to Committee Carried

Committee

8th. Committee recommended that the Initiation fee be level on that $5.00 be the sum in established Courts and $3.00 be the amount for Charter members

moved that subject lay over until next meeting Carried

R.W. & R. Galvin from Select Committee on second degree presented following Report

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Second Degree

That the Past High Chief Rangers and the present High Chief Ranger shall within One month from June 1. 1886. elect upon application made to them such members of the Order as have served as C.R. of a subordinate Court and as D.H.C.Rangers as members of the Second degree Such election to be by ballot and a majority vote to elect.

When The members so elected including P.C.R.s and D.H.C.R.s shall be fifty, that body of fifty shall elect from their number by ballot five members to serve as a Committee on admission to Second degree, and of this Committee of five two at least shall be past High Chief Rangers, or P.C.Ranger. This Committee on admission shall have the absolute power to elect or reject applicants and a majority vote of that (body) Committee shall be necessary to elect

Whenever a member of the Second Degree forfeits his membership in the [illegible]

he shall thereupon and thereby forfeit his membership in the second degree

When the membership of the second degree shall amount to fifty in number and within one month thereafter that body shall have the right to prepare and adopt bylaws and rules for the maintenance of the degree, and the Endowment for the officers thereof and their duties and titles and for the government of the body

Such by-laws and rules shall not conflict with the Constitution of the Hon. Catholic order of Foresters and shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the High Standing Committee

The High Standing Committee shall have the General Supervision and Control of the Second degree except as herein (after) before provided, for it

Reserve Fund

Each Member of the second degree shall pay an initiation fee of five

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dollars upon admission The sum so paid in shall be applied as follows 50% for such purposes as the members of the degree shall decide by by-law 50% to the creation of a reserve fund which fund shall be under the control of the High Standing Committee and paid to the High Court Treasurer as collected to be applied under direction of the High Standing Committee only, for the payment of the general Endowment of £100 now provided by the Constitution Whenever in the judgment of the High Standing Committee such application is necessary and not otherwise

P.H.C.R. McLaughlin moved report of Committee be received as progressive Carried

Bro Lee moved to adjourn to two weeks from date viz 23rd inst Carried

Moved to adjourn Closed in regular form at 6.28 pm

Bernard J. Healy H.C.S.

Second Degree

 This Session of High Court 1886

High Court M. C. of T.
Third session
United Fellowship Hall
26 Tremont Park St
Boston May 23. 1886

High court called to order at 2.28 pm
H.C.R Watson in the chair, Opened
in due form
Officers Present H.C.R Watson
H.C.S O'Daly
H.T.S Langan
H.D.C Fennessy
H.D.S M. Laughlin
H.O.S Brant
H.C.R appointed Bro J. J. McGrath H.O.C.R
protem. H.C.S D. J. Callion protem
(W. J. M. Callion) Wm Eshay as H.C Treasurer

Bro Ward moved that reading minutes of
previous session be dispensed with, Carried

Bro Fennessy moved that none be allowed
To speak but once and not longer than five
minutes upon any question Carried

Bro Galvin moved that the 500th or half rate

endowment amendment be taken from the table Carried

Bro M Callion moved that as report of Committee on Constitution was averse to the adoption of the amendment that the report of the Committee be now adopted Carried

Bro Galvani moved that amendment proposed by Committee be taken from the table Carried

## Amalgation of Courts

## Consolidation

Sec. 1. If two or more Courts desire to Consolidate they shall appoint at a regular meeting a Committee of five members from each Court to arrange the terms therefor, after having received permission from the High Standing Committee who are hereby empowered to grant the same should they deem it for the good of the Order to do so. The report of the two Committees if favorable to Consolidation shall

recommend the adoption of the name and number of Tie of these Courts and the date on which Consolidation shall take effect

Every member of each Ct. Court to shall be notified by mail of the proposed measure previous to action thereon, and if the report of the Committee be adopted by the Courts the Consolidation shall be under the supervision of the High Chief Ranger or a Deputy High Chief Ranger delegated for that purpose who shall install the officers elect after the Consolidated Court has been properly Organized.

Sec. 2 After the Courts have voted to Consolidate, and just previous to Consolidation going into effect the Recording Secretary Financial Secretary and Treasurer of each Court shall deliver up to the installing officer make a complete report of the standing of the Courts which shall be delivered to the installing Officer together with the remaining Paraphernalia viz- Charter Ballot box Ballots Book of Forms Seal Seal Press Bible

Batons which shall revert to the High standing Committee and a new set of Books shall be opened by the Consolidated Court

Sec. 3. Members of either Court who do not desire to remain in the Consolidated Court may take a withdrawal card as provided in sect. 3, Art III Constitution subordinate Courts

Sec. 4 Members under suspension in either Court at the time of Consolidation will be considered as suspended members of the Consolidated Court

I move that amendment be adopted
Carried unanimously

Initiation Fee Bro Gibson moved the adoption of the following
Each person, on presenting himself, who has been notified of his election for initiation shall pay to the Financial Secretary as an initiation fee the sum of three dollars. The initiation fee for Charter members shall be five dollars Resolved that the

Charter for Ch #3

Question as amended put and
Amended motion Carried unanimously

Bro Galvin moved to take the question
of reserve from the table Carried

Page 7th Bro. Shay moved the adoption of
Committee report
Motion debated, Brothers Barry, Griffen
Ward, Dunnican, Hartnett, Hurley against
Hennessy McGrath, Oxnaly, McLaughlin
Donovan Galvin in favor

Bro. Ward moved the vote be taken by a yea
and nay Roll called and the vote
on the adoption resulted as follows
affirmative 29. negative 19 and the
Amendment was not adopted two thirds
not voting in the affirmative

Bro Galvin moved to take the second degree
Amendment from the table, Carried

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Moved that report be accepted Carried

Moved that report of Committee be adopted Carried unanimously

Bro Galvin presented the matter referred back to Committee, as follows

Any member suspended for cause, other than the failure to pay his endowment calls and Court dues, and for a specified time may be reinstated after the expiration of the time of suspension by making application to the Court from which he was suspended, on such terms as the Court may fix provided that he passes an examination by the medical examiner and receives a two third vote of the Court

Moved that report be adopted

Carried Bro Galvin moved that when the session adjourn it be at six O'Clock

Bro Slater rose to a question of privilege and explained his purpose of the motion

the High Priest Secretary was incompetent and unfit for the office. Bro. Barry while declaring it was none of his fight advocated the right of Bro. Slater to be heard. Bro. Hartnett also earnestly urged the propriety entering into the matter, several others participated in the discussion and the High Chief Ranger decided the matter was not properly before the High Court. Bro. Slater should bring his charges in proper form if he desires to have them entertained.

Art. 5. Revenue, presented by Bro. Galvin

see page Rep. Com Constitution

Moved by R.H.C.R. McLaughlin that the report be adopted. Bro. Slater called for the yeas and nays upon the question which was upon motion and carried. Ordered by Bro. Slater, verified by count; affirmative 34. negative 2.

Supervision of Applicants. Bro. Galvin presented report and section proposed Art. 5 relating to medical supervision and payment therefor of 50¢ each back in addition to medical examiners fees. Bro. McLaughlin

moved that report be not adopted, carried and the amendment was lost.

Bro. Ward moved that the further consideration of the Constitution be postponed until next meeting. Carried

Bro. Fennessy moved a suspension of the rules to allow charges or personal explanation to be made in reference to Bro. Slater remarks H.C. Ranger decided the motion out of order.

Bro. McLaughlin moved to adjourn until Sunday 30th at 2 pm Carried

Closed in due form at 6 pm

Bernard J. O'Daly H.C.S

Fourth Session High Court M. of F.

Annual Session High Court M. of F.
United Fellowship Hall
26 Union park St Boston, May 30/86

Session opened at 2.30 pm by High Chief Ranger Watson, opened in regular form
Officers present

H.C.R. Watson
H.V.C.R. Sproules
H.S. O'Daly
H.T.S. Lanigan
H.C. Lilly
H.O.S. Brant

Bro Shay was appointed H.C. Treas. protem
" Donovan " " H.J.C. "
" Lyons " " H.J.S. "

Deductors reported on examination
" all correct "

H.C. Secty O'Daly proceeded to read records of last session pending a continuation
Bro McLaughlin moved that further reading be dispensed with. Carried

Bro McLaughlin moved that so much of the report of the Committee on Constitution

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be adopted as a whole so far as relates to transportation Codification Corrections of the Constitution. Carried

Bro Galvin presented amendments to insert after the word cause in the sixth line Art VII. Sec 1. the following, which cause shall be stated in writing and he shall be heard thereon"

Moved that it be adopted amended that it be not adopted. Amendment carried and report of Committee was not adopted

Bro Galvin, moved the adoption of the following. Committee on secret work

The Committee on secret work shall examine and report on all matters pertaining to secret work of the order and recommend any changes they may deem proper

Carried unanimously

Bro Galvin moved the adoption of the following. Art 1. Sec. x To follow All Circulars emanating from Subordinate Courts and intended for public distribution must bear the approval of the High Court or the High Standing Committee. Carried unanimously

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Bro. Galvin, moved to strike 45 years and insert fifty as the limit of age for admission

Bro. Sproules moved to strike out 20 and insert Eighteen in same sect. Art 5. Sec 1. Com the accepted amendments Question as amended put and carried by two thirds vote,

Bro Galvin moved the adoption of the following strike in sect 3. Art V. 11th line word majority and insert the word two thirds and insert after the word elected " and the Recording Secretary shall notify him of the same and he shall be reckoned as a member of said Court on presentation of a receipt from the Court pursuing a withdrawal Card, Certifying to his financial standing up to date

Carried by a two thirds vote

Bro. Galvin moved to strike out in Art VI. Sec. 2 7th line, the word twelve and insert nine

Carried by more than two thirds vote

Bro Galvin moved to strike out in Art 10. Sec 3 7th line the word fifteen and insert Sixty

Motion put and lost.

In section 4 of same Art to strike out the word fifteen and insert sixty

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Bro Galvin moved the adoption of Committee report
not carried

Bro Galvin reported the following as a proviso
to sec 5. Art X. Any member who has obtained
admission into the Order by false statements,
concealment, or evasion of facts regarding his
personal or family history or present condition
of health, or any

On motion adopted unanimously

Bro Galvin reported new section as
follows

Any member may prefer charges
to the Chief Ranger of his Court against a
member of another Court and the Chief Ranger
shall forward a copy of the same through the
recording Secretary to the Chief Ranger of the Court
of which the accused is a member and said charges
shall be acted upon in the same manner as
if presented by a member of his own Court

On motion adopted unanimously

Bro Galvin moved the adoption of the following
as a new section on Endowment Law

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In Courts where provision has been made for the payment from any fund realized from outside sources, of assessment calls for Endowment Fund and per Capita tax within forty days for members who have failed to do so in order to keep them in financial standing it will be lawful to impose a fine of ten cents for the same provided that no more than one assessment call shall be paid for any member until the previous one together with the fine has been collected from the member

Carried unanimously

Bro Galvin reported as follows, ~~Same~~

Amendment to Subordinate Constitution

Any Court refusing or neglecting to forward to the High Recording Secty the Annual Report on or before the 15th day of February shall forfeit their right to representation to the Annual Convention, and be liable to suspension from the Order

Motion adopted unanimously

Bro Galvin reported as follows, To Art IV Sect 9

Every member shall pay each year

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as per Capita tax to the High Court for maintenance of the same such amount as provided in Art 14 High Court Constitution which amount must be paid within forty days of date of levying it or the member will stand suspended from the order. On motion carried unanimously

Sec 10. Any member suspended for non payment of per Capita tax may be reinstated on payment of it and all other arrears to the financial Secretary within fifteen days of suspension

On motion Carried unanimously

John Art IV Sec. 7

All fines must be paid within forty days of the notification of the same under the penalty of suspension at regular meeting by the Chief Ranger, but it shall not be lawful to impose a fine upon a member for non attendance at Court meetings

On motion Carried unanimously

John Art IV. Sec. 8

Members suspended for non payment of fines may be reinstated within fifteen days on payment of the same together with arrears to the Financial Secretary. Adopted on motion unanimously

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Br Galvin moved that the Constitution be codified in accordance with the plan submitted and corrected by the H.S. Committee.

Br W. Laughlin suggested that the Committee on Constitution be added to said H.S. Committee on revision

Br Galvin accepted suggestion so far as it referred to the members residing in Boston, who would aid the H.S. Committee

Motion as thus understood put and carried unanimously

Br Henry Griffin rose to a personal explanation with reference to the presentation of an appeal against the action of the H.S. Committee in rejecting a Candidate for the Joseph Court H. Personally he was satisfied with the explanation of the High Chief Ranger and would now say the matter was dropped altogether

Br Bovill of Constantine Court rose to present a grievance from his Court in relation to the rejection of an applicant to this Court

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Past H Chy Ruger & Laughlin supported the action of the H Standing Committee. Bro Hartnett spoke against the assumption of the H.S. Committee the members of which had no authority though he knew the Constitution gave it to them

Bro Dunn of Cathedral moved that the action of the past High Standing Committee with regard to rejecting applicants be sustained. Bro Hartnett followed Bro Dunn in restoration of previous elucidation how the present H. Standing Committee criticised previous H.S. Com. Bro Finnessy continued debate in an exhaustive reply to Bro Hartnett

Bro Jordon of Holy Trinity Lodge favored the action of the H.S. Committee and furnished instances where the rejections saved the order thousands of dollars. He therefore moved an Amendment which was seconded by Bro Dunn That the High Standing Committee receive a vote of thanks for the strict attention to business and in the rejection of unfit applicants. Carried Unanimously

Bro Byrne of Friendship moved to take from the table the Notary Claim. Carried Yeas 21 Nays 6

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Bro Slater stated he was authorized to say his Court would not pay their portion of this indemnity even if it was now voted by Convention. Bro Golding spoke in favour of payment rather than face the law Courts. Bro Hartnett was willing to fight it in the Courts Bro Supple and M. Laughlin opposed the payment

Bro Slater moved previous question Question called on roll of Courts results Yea 18 Nay 20 and payment of the Downey claim was refused

P.G.C.R. M. Laughlin moved that amendments adopted take effect June 1, pending a discussion on this question

Bro Dunn moved that adjournment be to Friday night Amended by Bro Hartnett that it be subject to reassembling by call of H.C.R. & H.C. Chiefs. Carried

Bro Dunn proposed an amendment striking out in person in presentation of application, & motion referred to Committee on Constitution. Petition of Mount Pleasant

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Bro Slater rose to present a form charges made under Question of privilege at previous meeting. He charged High Court Secretary Daly with being incompetent and unfit for the position and prayed that he be removed. Bro Finnessy rose to order that paper read was unfit for presentation because couched in language insulting to the intelligence of the Convention. H.C. allowed the paper to be read. Bro Slater asked that it be referred to Committee of three.

Bro Supple moved that Bro Slaters paper be referred to the next Convention

Bro Sparks asked was it understood that the paper was drawn up by the Chief Ranger of St. Francis Court. Bro Slater in reply said he did not have the ability and education to draw up things himself and that he called the C.R. of St Francis Court to his aid

Bro Riley moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed. Bro Ward moved the previous question Carried. Bro Riley's amendment put and H.C. declared it a unanimous vote, Bro Slater voting in the negative. Bro Sullivan moved that we Council should do regular business at 5.55 pm. Bro J.D. Daly

(1886) High Court Charity Session

Annual Session of the High Court of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters

7th Adjourned Session
Wadman Hall
176 Tremont St. Boston
June 4th 1886

High Court called to order in the absence of H. Chief Ranger John H Watson by High Court Secretary Bernard J. O'Daly On nomination Past H.C.R. Jas. McLaughlin was called to the Chair

The High Court opened in regular form

High Court officers present

H.C.R. Thomas Sprowles
H.Secy Bernard J. O'Daly
H.T.S. Jas J Lanigan
H.C.J. Jas F Supple
H.S.W. Hon Edward Riley
H.S.B. Dr. Jas R McLaughlin
H.W. John Brant

Bro Timothy Donovan was appointed H.J.C. protem

7th day Session 1886-

H. C. Secy proceeded to read record of last meeting Bro. Ward moved to dispense with reading &c. Carried

Roll of Courts called to ascertain if a quorum was present result 27 Courts represented

Bro Barry moved a reconsideration of motion passed at last session whereby it was voted to indefinately postpone the consideration of the subject of Charges made by Bro. representatives Thomas & Slater as to incompetence of the High Court Secretary. Bro Culpepper raised the point of order that Bro Barry was not competent to make such a motion during this absence at last meeting

H. C. decided point well taken but would allow the motion to stand Bro Barry & Slater urged the adoption of motion

Bro Thos. Langan, Riley, Daly & Galvin spoke against the motion as a waste of time in a frivolous discussion. Bro Slater called for yeas and nays on the motion on motion such vote was refused

Fifth adjd session 1886

Question on the original motion put and both recommendation was refused (Brothers Slater J.H. & Hartnett P.H only voting for the motion)

On motion of Record of previous meeting so read, Bro Byrne that these be accepted and approved, Bro Galvin amended that these, and all votes adopted at previous sessions of this annual session, be adopted as votes and amendments passed at this session of the Convention Amendment accepted Vote put and adopted unanimously, and so announced by the Chair

Bro Barry rose to ask in reference to the Cards issued by W.D.C. as to number and price, Bro Supple replied number 40,000 price £100

Bro Slater moved that the paper on which he presented Charges be returned to him P.D.C.R Mc Laughlin decided paper was the property of the Order,

On motion Bro Mc Grath that the subject of a Ritual or degree work for the use of the Order be referred for action to the High Committee, also the matter of defining the District lines, Carried unanimously

Fifth day Session 1886

Courts represented and voting on the foregoing questions

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| Cathedral 1 | Jas J Lanigan | Representative |
| | Thomas J Dunne | " |
| Hancock 3 | P J O'Connell | " |
| St Francis 4 | Thomas Sproules | " |
| | Wm E Shay | " |
| Les 5 | John Brant | " |
| Chevrus 6 | Hon P Galvin | " |
| | Wm J Rich | " |
| St Patrick 7 | R J Walshe | " |
| Sherwood 8 | A J Lill | " |
| | P A Harnett | " |
| Columbus 9 | Jas F Supple | " |
| St Joseph 11 | P O'Loughlin | " |
| | Edward Riley | " |
| Fulton 12 | W F Scanlan | " |
| Fitzpatrick 13 | C J Jordan | " |
| La Fayette 14 | Timothy O'Mahony | " |
| St Peter & Paul 15 | John B White | " |
| Essex 16 | J B Harding | " |
| Hamilton 17 | Jas Mitchell | " |
| Williams 19 | Wm J Kelly | " |
| Mount Pleasant 20 | Jas J Barry [21] | 4 transpose |
| St Alphonsus 21 | F J McGrath [21] | |

# Fifth adjd Session finial 1886

St Gregory 24 Michael Dunncan Representative
St Raphael 26 C J Hurley Proxy
Erin 28 John J Daly " "
Americus 34 Jas J M Laughlin " "
Shiel 35 J P Ward " "
Friendship 37 H C Byrne "
Constantine 49 Jno A Boyle "
Highland 52 J F Slater " "
Emerald 53 J F Lyons "
Charles River 55 M Elcoran "
Whittock 60 Dep Jas R M Laughlin "

Record of this session read and on motion unanimously adopted
Voted the High Court in annual session down to open sine die Carried unanimously. Closed in regular form and at 10.55 pm Past High Chief Ranger James J M Laughlin declared the Annual Session of the High Court of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters for 1886 formally and duly adjourned sine die

Bernard J O'Kely
High Court Secty

(P.S. Wrights work H.S.H.) Boston Mass
June 4. 1886

Boston. Feb. 20th 1887

Grand Army Hall —

Session of the annual Convention of the M. C. C. F.

Convention called to order by H. C. Ranger John H. Walsh at 11 A.M. Convention opened in regular form.

Outside Sentinel. Junior Con. and Vice Chief Ranger reported absent. H C.R. appointed Bro. Wm E. Gray to act as Vice Chief Ranger Bro. Phillip Smith to act as Outside Sentinel and Bro. Hague of St. Bernard Ct. #44 to act as Jr. Conductor.

H. C. R. appointed the following named Bros. as a Committee on Credentials

Joseph D. Conde #89
James F. Brickley #21
John H. Gallagher. #5
John F. Daly #28
Wm H. Hague #44

Bro. Henry Griffin of St. Joseph #11 suggested that before further proceeding the Convention take some action in relation to the absence of H. C. Secretary D. Daly.

Bro. Andrew J. Gabding of St Joseph #38 move that this matter be refered to a committee of three — carried

On motion of Bro Rogers of Garfield the reading of the minutes of last convention was dispensed with

On motion of Bro. J.J. McLaughlin of Americus #34 that the Convention take a recess of ten minutes awaiting the report of Committee on Credentials carried

Bro Joseph D. Lauck for the Committee on Credentials reported 32 Courts representated by 38 Delegates Report on motion accepted.

H. C. Ranger Watson - delivered his annual adelress.

The report of Acting H. C. Secretary J. J. Langan was read.

H. C. Treasurer Jas. F. Supple presented his annual report and on motion the recommendations in the address of H. C. R. and the report of Treas. and Secretary

were refered to appropriate Committee.

Bro. W. C. Watts of #21 asked N. C. Treasurer how more money was expended than was reported received by him - and subsequently withdrew question

Bro. J. J. McLaughlin of #34 moved that report of N. C. Treasurer be refered to Committee on finance Carried

N. C. R. appointed the following Committee.

Finance

P. C. Laughlin St. Josephs #11
Michael Edmunds Cathedral #1
John P. Bore. Sherwood #8
Charles J. Hurley St. Raphael #26
James J. McLaughlin Americus #34

Constitution

Hon. Owen A. Galvin Ebenezer #6
J. P. J. Ward. Excel #36
George Helferich Holy Trinity #61
P. A. Murray. Ideal Rebekah #65
John E. Ridigan Worcester #69

## Appeals.

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| John J. Flaherty | St. Anne # 47 |
| Harry C. Byrne | Friendship # 87 |
| N. P. Muldoon. | St. Patrick # 4 |
| John J. Devine. | Limerick # 3 |
| Thomas F. Sullivan | St. Thomas # 29 |

## Relations

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| John A. Finnegan | Hamilton # 17 |
| John E. Nealon. | St. Edward # 8 # 4 |
| Edward F. Chamberlain | St. Peters # 18 |
| G. A. Lemasney. | Lafayette # 12 |
| John B. Harding. | Essex # 16 |

## State of the Order.

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| John N. Corrassa | Carroll # 57 |
| Peter Harris | St. Joseph # 88 |
| Henry Griffin | St Joseph # 11 |
| Thomas J. Drum. | Cathedral # 1 |
| Wm H. Rogers. | Garfield # 48 |

## Secret Work.

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| Phillip Wm H. Smith | Williams # 19 |
| Thomas F. Flaherty. | Leo # 5. |
| F. J. McCarthy. | Mt Pleasant # 20 |
| Bernard J. Grogan. | St John # 33 |
| James H. McKenna. | Healy # 22 |

Bro. Jere G. Fennessy presented the following from St. James Ct. #54

Boston Apr. 6th 1887

To the Annual Convention of the M.C.O.F.

At a meeting of St. James Ct #54 held this evening it was voted that Delegate to the coming Convention of the M.C.O.F. from this Court ask for such legislation as will prevent members of the Order from taking part in suits at law in which the Order is interested except to defend it. On motion referred to Committee on Constitution.

Bro. Mahoney moved for a reconsideration of the motion whereby it was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of last convention carried.

Bro. Byrne moved that further reading of the minutes of last convention be dispensed with — motion ruled out of order.

On motion that the vote to read minutes of last Convention be reconsidered — last-

On motion that Secretary proceed with the reading of the minutes of last Communication. — carried — but was soon interrupted with the motion that the further reading be dispensed with — carried

M. C. Ranger read the following Communication from officers of Second Degree.

To the High Chief Ranger and High Standing Committee of the Mass. Catholic Order of Foresters.

We the undersigned officers of the Second Degree, Knights of St. Rose respectfully petition, by vote of the Degree, through our honorable body the High Court, to so modify the laws organizing the Second Degree that said Degree may have the privilege of regulating and disposing of all funds received from initiation fees by that Degree, thus enabling the Degree to extend its influence and increase its usefulness by attracting to its fold many who now desire to enter its ranks. Much good has been accomplished by its efforts

and evidences of a stronger attachment, renewed zeal, and above all a greater love for the Order.

We expect to accomplish much during the coming year and trust and pray that our petition will be granted, thus enabling the Degree to accomplish all its undertakings

Fraternally Yours

James J. McLaughlin Chief Counsel
Wm E. Shea Vice Chief Counsel
John T. Daly Grand Registrar
F. J. McGrath Worthy Treasurer

Also the following

H. S. Committee of the H. C. C. F. Bros. The Second Degree respectfully ask for the enactment of a Constitutional provision giving the right to Second Degree to be represented at the annual Convention

Yr. fraternally Yours

J. J. McLaughlin Chief Counsel
John T. Daly Grand Registrar

On motion both Communications were referred to Com. on Constitution.

H. C. Range read an appeal signed by Bro James H. Hayes of Hamilton & Ct # regarding Mitchell death claim, referred to Com. on Appeals

Petition signed by Chris J. Fay regarding the matter of his rejection by H. O. Committee was presented by Bro Henry Griffin of St Joseph # 4.

On motion that the petition be received and referred to Com. on petitions.

Bro. J. J. McLaughlin # 34 objected to reading the paper as the gentleman signing it was not a member of the Order.

Bro Ward # 35 thought the paper as presented should be read, and so moved.

Bro. Supple explained that the fee of $2.00 in connection with the examination of Mr. Fay, went to the Med. Examiner and not to St. Joseph Ct.

Bro. Kennedy opposed the presentation of the paper, claiming that unless the petitioner was a member of the Order, he had no

rights before the Convention.

Bro. O'Loughlin #11. thought the only question before the Convention was the one to refer. and that the Convention was bound to receive the petition

Bro. Griffin spoke in favor of receiving the petition

Bro. Mahony of Ct. #1 thought that as the petition did not have the endorsement of St. Joseph Ct. #11 to which Ct. the Gentleman made application for membership, it could not be received.

On motion of Bro. J. J. McLoughlin the Convention adjourned for one hour for dinner. ——

Afternoon Session

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock.

The motion to receive and refer the petition of Christopher J. Fay. was declared lost ——

On motion of Bro. J. J. McLaughlin the Convention voted to send a despatch to Bro. C. O'Daly expressing its deep sympathy for him. &c.

Bro. O'Reilly offered the following Resolved, that the Committee on Finance be instructed to consider and report the amount of salary to be paid to Sec. Treas, under the recommendation in the address of H. C. R. that the offices of H. C. Secretary. H. C. Treasurer and H. F. Secretary be consolidated if the Convention so decides. carried

On motion of Bro. Fennessy it was voted that all further Amendments. appeals &c. be referred without debate — Carried

On motion of Bro. Fennessy that Convention proceed to act under head of Order of business number 14 — Carried.

The following named Bros were proposed and elected members of the Knights Court —

Nicholas Fairchanger # 41
T. C. Lenigan # 1
T. J. Dunn # 1
J. H. Martin # 57
John E. Heslan # 4
T. F. Doherty #
E. H. Sullivan # 8
Thomas F. Powell # 10
Daniel T. Cronin # 1
J. D. Mahony # 16
Henry F. Scanlan # 12
J. J. Callahan # 14
P. T. Donovan # 15
J. F. Brookes # 18
John H. Russell # 23
P. J. Healy # 3
Owen P. Sullivan # 30
John Maguire # 32
John S. Kenny. # 33
James M. McGladay. # 35
M. J. Reardon # 38
Frank T. Cook # 44
John Daly # 46
Wm J. McAlany. # 49
M. J. Carroll # 52
Peter McGrath # 53
Wm F. Kaney # 58
J. J Hartnett # 60

Lecknail Dunnigan #24
M. T. Farrell #9.

Bro. in Pinesell. Good time Comt.

Bro. Phillip Smith for the Committee on State of the Order offered the following report: That report be held them satisfactory grand numerically and financially and a most notable decrease of deaths for the past six months. That Committee would recommend that legislation be enacted for a more prompt payment of the endowments to be returned of deceased brothers, finding that the order suffers most on this account.

On motion this report was referred to Committee on Constitution.

On motion of Bro. W. F. Sullivan #8 that Convention take a recess of fifteen minutes. Last.

Reading reports of Committees many brothers addressed the Convention on matters effecting the welfare of the different Lodges.

Rev. Ward reported for the Comm. on Constitution. Report accepted

Comm. on Finance reported through its Chairman Bro. O'Loughlin
On motion report was accepted

Comm. on appeals reported through Bro. John J. Flaherty. report accepted.

Bro Tennessy[sic] asked that the amendment offered by him be now considered. On motion it was voted to be taken up under the head of report of comm. on Constitution

Report of the Comm. on Constitution may be received later on.

Comm. recommended that after the word Eighteen[sic] in the 3rd line of Sect. 4 be inserted the following — Symbolic and Ritualistic. — Adopted.

OK

Comm. recommended that in Sec. 4 [illegible] the word [illegible] for the word [illegible]. Adopted.

OK

Comm. Rec[illegible] that all the [illegible] and before the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Resolutions and Petitions
[illegible] and reference of the same
[illegible] Communications from the Board of [illegible]
[illegible] Petitions, and all other matters affecting
[illegible] the same. The Chairman then stated
[illegible] that there was only two Resolutions
[illegible] before the meeting. Recommendation Council
[illegible] Bill No. 1, and upon the
[illegible] adoption of the vote was carried
34 voting in the affirmative and 11 in
the negative.

Com. Recommended, to strike out Sec.
4 of Art. 6. and add to Sec. 3. of
the same Art: all of Sec. 4. except
the following — "[illegible]
[illegible] " —

Com motion that the above Recommendation
be indefinately postponed — Carried.

Com. Recommended that in Sec. 5 Art 5
to strike out after the word "the" in
third last line, the words "heirs and
defendant", and substitute the word
"surpreme". Rec. adopted.

Com Recommended that after
the word effective in the 9th line of
Art: 11 insert — "and shall be suspended

of such member be entitled to any part of the death benefit fund. Rec. carried. —

Com. rec. that in Art. 3. sec. 2 of Sub. Court Con. be amended by adding after the word "Examination in the 11th line the words," and be deducted from his initiation" adopted. —

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On the recommendation of H.C.S., regarding consolidation the Com reported the following which was on motion adopted "That the offices of High Court Secretary High Financial Secretary and High Court Seal, be consolidated into one office to be styled High Court Secretary Treasurer, with an office centrally located in the city of Castor, that he shall perform all the duties now performed by the three officers above named, all laws in the Constitution inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

In reference to the petition from the knights of St. Paul the com. reported favorably and recommended the adoption of the following — That the Lodges be liable for a per Capita tax — and that they be allowed the same representation as a Sub-ordinate Court. —

On motion of Bro. Kirby "5 that the whole matter in this Connection be indefinately postponed, on ~~the~~ motion the previous question was ordered ~~Report of the Com. adopted~~ and the motion of Bro. Kirby. Carried motion Carried

Com on Constitution reported adversely on the amendment to Trans Med. Sup. made by N. C. Physicians.

Report accepted

Com. recommended that the report of the Committee on "State of the Order" which was refered to Com. on Constitution, be refered to N. G. C.

carried.

Com. reported, in reference to the Communication from St Louis No 14 presented through Bro Hennessy, recommend leave to withdraw.

Bro. Hennessy offered the following as an amendment to the report of Com. on constitution, and also to the Constitution —

Sec. 1 — All members of the Order are hereby expressly forbidden to give advice, counsel, or information, or in any form accept service in any suit

actions or claims that may be brought against the M.C.C.F.

Sec. 2 Violations of Sec. 1. shall upon conviction before the Arbitration Committee shall be punished by expulsion from the Order.

Sec. 3 The High Standing Committee shall appoint an Arbitration Committe of 12 members who shall have jurisdiction under the above act and who shall decide by majority vote on all questions presented.

Bro. Finnessy moved that the above Amendment be adopted.

Bros. Finnessy and J.J. McLaughlin spoke at length in favor of its adoption

Bros Ward, O'Laughlin and Lafayon against: Amendment offered by Bro. Finnessy was declared lost, and Recommendation of Com. on Con. accepted

On the amendment offered by Bro. Hurley - That the Annual Sessions of the Committee be held on the 3rd Wednesday in March, the Com. reported unfavorably to consider - report accepted.

The following Amendment — That art III Sec. 4 be amended by striking out the words "Court fund" and substituting the words shall not be used &c. after the words and shall not be used &c after the words "Court fund" and substituting therefor the following words," said fund shall be used for the legitimate expenses of the Court and when said fund shall exceed the sum of $60. the excess over said sum may be used for the relief of sick members, upon report of Com. independently suspended.

Bro. O'Laughlin offered the following which was adopted — It is hereby ordered that all laws inconsistant with the amendments to the Constitution and laws of the Order, be and hereby are repealed, and that said laws be in full force on and after June 1st 1877.

Bro. John L. Flaherty of #47. for the committee on appeals reported in the Fitchett case as follows

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. James H. Fitchett of Hamilton #1 from the decision of the D. C. in

Refusing to pay the Endowment of our late Bro. James Mitchell of said Hamilton Court, Your Committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and that the H. C. R. be ordered to submit the matter to some counsel to be chosen by them and to dispose of the matter in accordance with the advice of counsel so consulted.

Signed J. J. Flaherty for Com.

On motion the Report was adopted.

Bro. O'Loughlin reported for the Committee on Finance as follows.

On the general expense now funds H. C. R. are behind. This deficiency made up of Salary of Treas. 4.00
Stamps of Expenditure in excess of receipts 1.20
Bro. P. J. O'Daly balance of Salary. 1.80

Total deficiency 7.00

To reduce this amount there is still due from members as per Capita 1.00

Total Amt of deficiency 6.00

Would recommend the following for the year. Printing 25.00. Travelling expenses of H. C. R. 150. Postal Cards 6.00. Supplies 10.00. Office of Rec. Treas. 300. Salary of Rec. Treas. 800. — Total $2,206.00

Com. would recommend that the N. C. C. in his visit to Conf. take with him not more than two members of N. C. C. at the expense of the Conf. except at the institution of Conf.; Should consolidation be defeated then the amount of $800 is recommended as a proper sum to be equally divided between the P. Secty and Treas. [Com. to wait the action of Sec. and Treas.]

Signed C. C. Langhlin. J. J. McLaughlin
Jas. P. Moore. Chas. S. Kirby. W. Edmunds.

On motion report was accepted.

On motion it was voted to proceed with the Election of Officers.

N. C. R. Watson was instructed to appoint two Committees to distribute Collect and Count ballots. Bros. Dunn. Smith and Griffin. and Bros Morris, Riley. and McKirby were appointed as such Committee

On motion of Bro Dunn, nominated John H. Watson as N. C. C. for the ensuing term. On motion the Secretary was ordered to cast one ballot for the Convention for J. H. Watson for N. C. C. and Bro. Watson was declared elected. N. C. C.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to cast one ballott for Thomas Spencer for Fire Brig Engineer and Bro. Spencer was declared elected Hyd. F. C. B. —

On motion that James F. Supple be nominated as Sec. Treas.

Amended by Bro. Byrne "37 that one informal ballot be taken for Sec. Treas.

On motion Bro. J. J. McLaughlin moved that amendment lie on table, The Secretary was requested to count vote and reported the result a tie vote, and upon counting again reported the result a tie,

On motion the roll of delegates was ordered, resulting in the Secretary reporting the motion to lay the motion for an informal ballot for Sec. Treas on the table was carried 27 in the affir. 20 in the negt. upon a verification of the vote it was found that the motion was lost 26 in the affir and 27 in the neg.

On motion that Convention proceed to ballott for Sec. Treas — Carried.

Committee reported the result of the ballott as follows, Whole number of vote 54 necessary to a Choice — 28 — Bro. Heldreth 1. Corcoran 1 E. Sandfelin. 2. Ward. 16. and Supple 33. and Bro. Supple was declared elected Sec Treas.

On motion the Convention at 7.30 adjourned, to meet at the Call of the Officers.

Sergt. Kenyon

Actg H.C. Secty.

Garfield Hall
1125 Wash. St.
April 28 1887.

Second session of the
Eighth Annual Con.

Opened in form 8 p.m. by
H. C. R. John H. Watson -

H. Conductors reported absent
V. H. C. R. Sproules
H. I. S. J. R. McLaughlin
H. O. S. John Brant

H. C. Ranyu appointed Bro Shay
to act as V. H. C. R.

Bro Hurley to act as H. O. S.
" Golding " " " H. I. S.

Records of previous session
read by A. H. C. Secretary
Lanigan -

During reading of records V. H. C. R
Sproules arrived and took
his place -
after some minor corrections were

made in the records the H. C. R. declared them approved

H. C. R. announced the business in order to be the Election of officers

Bro. O Loughlin moved a Com. of 3 to make nominations

Bro. J. J. McLaughlin made the point of order that the motion was unconstitutional

Bro O Loughlin withdrew the motion and then nominated

Bro Edward Reilley for the office of H. S. Conductor

Bro Griffin seconded the nomination

Bro J. J. McLaughlin moved that the H. C. Secy cast one ballot for H. S. Conductor Reilley the present incumbent Carried

Bro Omith for the Com. to receive ballots reported that the H. C. Secy had

voted as instructed and Bro Reilly was declared elected H. S. Conductor.

Bro J. J. McLaughlin nominated Bro. J. G. Fennessy for H. J. Conductor

The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives

Bro Ward nominated Bro McGrath of 20 for H. J. Conductor

Bro Griffin seconded the nomination

The Convention proceeded to ballot

During the ballot Bro J. J. McLaughlin nominated Dr. James R McLaughlin for H. I. Sentinel

Bro Sprouls seconded the nomination

Bro Ward declined a nom. for H. I. S.

Bro Fennessy seconded the nom. of Dr. McLaughlin and moved that the H. C. Sec. cast the ballot for Bro Fennessy for

H. I. Sentinel

Carried

Bro. J. J. McLaughlin nominated Peter Morris for H. O. S.

Bro Smith for the com. to count ballots for H. J. Conductor reported

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| Whole no of votes | 4 |
| necessary to a choice | 2 |
| Bro Ward had | 1 |
| " Mc Grath | 1 |
| " Fennessy | 3 |

and Bro J. G. Fennessy was declared elected

Bro. Smith for the com to receive the ballot of the H. C. Secy for Dr. J. R. McLaughlin for H. I. Sentinel reported that the ballot had been cast as instructed; Bro Griffin objected to the proceeding but afterward withdrew his objection and Dr. Mc. Laughlin was declared elected H. I. Sentinel.

Bro Fennessy nominated Bro Philip Smith for H. O. Sentinel

Bro J. Loughlin nominated Bro John Brant and spoke in praise of Bro. Brant's services the past year-

Bro. J. J. McLaughlin addressed the representatives commending the nom. of Bro Morris

Bro Edmonds spoke in warm praise of Bro Brant and of his services to the Order, not only as a member of the H. S. Com. but as a hard working member of the Order in its early days-

Bro Morris for the com. to receive and count ballots for H. C. S. reported-

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| Whole no. of votes cast | 48 |
| Necessary for a choice | 25 |
| Bro Peter Morris had | 1 |
| " John Brant " | 11 |
| " Philip Smith " | 36 and |

Bro. Philip Smith was declared elected H. C. Sentinel

Bro Fennessey nominated Rev. E. Mungan of North Attleboro, for High Court Chaplain-
Bro W. H. Rogers seconded the nom.

Bro Fairclough nominated the present incumbent Rev. H. R. O'Donnell

Bros. Hughes & O Loughlin seconded the nomination of Fr. O Donnell

Bro McGee enquired if Fr. Mungan was a member of the Order-

Bro Rogers replied that he was not- He then spoke warmly in praise of Fr. Mungan and the work he had done to advance the interests of the Order-

Bro. Smith related some of the work which had been done and the good results therefrom ~~which~~ by Fr. O'Donnell-

Bro. J. J. McLaughlin raised the point of order that Fr. Mungan was not a member of the Order and therefore not eligible -

H. C. R. Watson decided the point well taken

Bro. Byrne moved that the H. C. Secy cast one ballot for Fr. O Donnell for H. C. Chaplain-

Bros. Tennessy, Griffin, Tennessy Morris and Hughes discussed the merits of the candidates

Bro Morris moved the previous question carried -

The Convention proceeded to ballot.

Bro Smith for the com. to receive the ballot of the H. C. Secy for H. C. C. reported the ballot cast as instructed and Rev. Hugh Roe O Donnell was declared elected -

Bro Shay nominated Dr. E. F. Galligan for H. C. Physician

Bro Ratigan nominated Dr. Joseph D. Couch

The Convention proceeded to ballot.

Bro Smith for the com. to receive and count ballots for H. C. P. reported -

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| Whole no. of votes cast | 44 |
| necessary for a choice | 23 |
| Dr. M. J. Kelly had | 1 |
| " E. F. Galligan " | 16 |
| " Dr. [illegible] " | 27 |

elected High Court Physician—

Bro Mc Grath of 20 obtained the floor and said that although a candidate for H. J. Conductor against Bro Fennessey, he had no desire for the office and only became a candidate at the urgent solicitation of his friends and he would therefore move that the election of Bro. Fennessey be made unanimous—

carried

The H. C. R called for reports of any Com. that was out

Bro. Golding moved to proceed to installation of officers—

carried—

P. H. C. R. McLaughlin assisted by H. Con. Shay and Griffin, then installed into office the following Officers of the High Court for the ensueing term

H. C. Ranger - John F. Watson
of Essex Court No. 1

V. H. C. Ranger - Thomas Sperules
of St. Francis Court No. 4

H. C. Secretary-Treasurer - James F. Supple
of Columbus Court No 9

H. S. Conductor - Edward Reilley
of St. Joseph Court No. 1

H. J. Conductor - J. G. Fennessey
of St. James Court No 54

H. I. Sentinel Dr. James R. McLaughlin
of Middlesex Court No 99

H. O. Sentinel Philip Smith
of Williams Court No 19

H. C. Physician Dr. Jos. D. Couch
of Benedict Court No 39

Past High Chief Ranger James J. McLaughlin then introduced H. C. Ranger Watson who addressed the convention on the result of the work of the H. C. Court for the year [illegible] and read the [illegible]

future - He thanked the [illegible] for the interest shown and the support and encouragement given him and the H. S. Conv. in the past, because without that aid his efforts would be fruitless He thought a glorious future was in store for the Order and trusted that all present would live to be present at the next Convention in 1888.

Bro Griffin moved that the thanks of the Convention be given to Bro. Lanigan for his kindness in taking the place of the H. C. Sec. Bro O Daly who had become too ill to continue the duties of his office -

Bro O'houghlin seconded the motion and and said that Bro. Lanigan was entitled to more than mere thanks for the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of the trying position in which he was placed and moved to amend that 200 $ be appropriated to present to Bro. Lanigan for his services not as a payment but as a slight acknowledgement of his [illegible]

Bro Reid favored the amendment and hoped there would not be a dissenting vote -

H. C. Ranger Watson took the floor (P. H. C. R McLaughlin in the chair) and spoke earnestly in support of the motion - He told of his experience with Bro. Laing and how well and faithfully he performed the work

Bro Byrne moved a rising on the question -

Carried

Bro Griffin's motion amended was then put and

Carried unanimously

Com. on Finance reported progress and asked for further time

Bro. McGrath moved that the H. C. S. T. furnish the Com. on Finance a list of supplies on hand -

Carried -

Bro Griffin introduced Hon. T. F. Doherty C. R. of Leo, Court No 5 who in well chosen words pointed out a few of the bene-

fellowship of the Order and in a graphic manner related the many ways that occurred to his mind in which members of the Order could assist each other.

Bro Mc Grath moved that the Convention adjourn to meet in 2 weeks.

Bro Golding moved to amend that the Convention adjourn to meet at the call of the H. S. Conv. The amendment was carried.

Bro. O Loughlin suggested that the H. S. Conv. for the coming year keep within the appropriations

Bro. Fennessey objected to some of the statements of Bro O Loughlin about trav. expenses and was replied to by Bro Oloughlin.

V. H. C. R. Sproules also discussed the matter and said he was willing to have an itemized report of the expenditures of the Past High Standing Conv. of which he was a member and thought such a report

should be printed —

after considerable debate it was

Voted that the Com. on Finance report
in print the various items of
expenditure of the past year

On motion of Bro. J. J. Mc Laughlin
the Convention

Voted to adjourn

Closed in form by High Chief Ranger
Watson —

James F. Supple
High Court
Secretary Treasurer

April 28 1887

Garfield Hall
1125 Wash. St. May 12 1887

Third Session of Convention –

Called to order at 8.15 p m by H. C. Ranger Watson –

High Com. reported V. H. C. R Sproules not present –

H. C. R appointed Bro Shay V. H. C. R.
Convention opened in due form
Records of last session of Convention read and declared approved –

P. H. C. R James J. McLaughlin invited to preside as H. C. R Watson was obliged to go away –

The business of the Convention being to hear report of Com. on Finance

Bro O Loughlin for that Com. stated that he was not ready to report – he said he was surprised at the Convention being called as he thought he should receive notice before it was called – he said he expected a list of candidates now to have from the H. C. [illegible]

Chas Fox had received notice. -
He said he had been very busy and that the printers were busy and he was not able to report in the time -

Bro. Fennessey said he thought the H. S. Com. were not to blame but was not ready to say just where the blame should be placed -

Bro. J. T. Daly moved that report of com. on Finance be accepted as progression -
Carried

Bro J. T. Daly moved that when the Convention adjourn, it do so to meet at the call of the Finance Com. and H. S. Com.

Bro. Lanigan moved to amend to one week from May 12

Bro Daly accepted the amendment

Bro Hurley of 26 asked if the Committee on Finance would be ready to report in one week;

Bro. McLaughlin for the Com. said he did not believe in pinning the Com. down to one week and thought 2 weeks was as soon as he could report and so moved

Bro. Daly was willing to accept 2 weeks and said that Bro O'Daly would be home soon and as some talk was made about such supplies or property as was still in the possession of Bro O'Daly, he thought it better to whit as long as possible

Bro McGrath moved to amend that the time be 3 weeks

Bro Fennessey moved a substitute for the motion and amendments - that the Convention be called at such time as could be agreed on by the H. L. Com and the Com. on Finance -

P.H. C.R. McLaughlin decided motion not in order

Bro M. McGrath discussed the question and he thought the Convention should meet at a certain time

Bro Daly [illegible] the original motion would pass and said that efforts had been made for years to coerce the H. S. Com. with no effect –

Bro. Fennessey said the H. S. Com. had attempted to prepare a list of supplies but as the supplies were not all in one place nothing could be done

Bro Daly moved the prev. question
Carried

P. H. C. R McLaughlin stated the motion and amendments before the Convention.

Vote taken on amendment of Bro. Mc Grath (3 weeks) and declared carried –

Vote was doubted and a count was made showing
10 affr.
15 neg. and the amendment was lost

Vote was taken on the amendment of Bro McLaughlin (2 weeks) and

a vote was taken 7 yes.
14 neg. and
the amendment was lost -

Vote was then taken on original motion of Bro Daly and was declared -
Carried -

Bro. J. T. Daley moved to adjourn

Bro. Griffin asked that the motion be not stated as he wanted to get some information and said he had waited on the K. S. Com. on a matter of business and was insulted by a member of that body and wanted to know how long such things were going to exist -

Bro. Fennessey raised the point of order that the Bro. was not speaking to a question for information

Bro. Griffin replied that he was, and said that if he thought any one in the Convention would second his motion he would move; that it would be for the honor of the Order if the

position of H. J. Com. was then and there declared vacant -

Bro. Fennessey raised a point of order that there was no motion before the Convention

P. H. C. R Mc Laughlin stated he could not say whether the point of order was well taken or not as Bro Griffin had said he intended to make a motion and as Bro. Griffin still had the floor the Chair did not know but Bro Griffin might make a motion before sitting down -

Bro. Griffin continued and wanted to know if the practice was to be continued, when a member of the Order appeared before the H. S. Com. of being insulted ~~by "this Court House Crawler"~~

Bro Fennessy demanded that the language used by Bro Griffin be taken down -

The Chair ordered it taken down -

Bro Griffin moved that when a Com. appeared before the H. S. Com. it be received without insult —

Bro Fennessey moved to amend that no Com. insult the H. S. Com.

Bro Daly moved to indef. postpone

Bro. Fennessey hoped the motion would not prevail and said he hoped the matter would be gone into thoroughly and then addressed the Chair on a question of privilege that as the character of a member of the H. S. had been aspersed the matter should be opened and said he was confident the members of the H. S. Com. would agree that no member of the H. S. had insulted any Com. appearing before that body and would say further that he was, on one occasion, when a com. appeared before the H. S. Com. obliged to call one gentleman to order many times and he was a man

Bro Shay asked if there was any question before the Convention

Motion to adjourn put and declared carried

Vote doubted and a count showed
11 aff
19 neg
and motion to adjourn was lost

Bro Shay said the Constitution provided for just such cases as the present

Bro Hurley of 26 said there was business the Convention should do, let personal matters alone now and attend to them afterward and he would move a com. of 5 to consist of the H. C. R., H. C. S. T. and 3 members to be selected from the floor by the Chair, to formulate a plan of secret work for the Order -
Seconded by Bro John F Daly

Bro Griffin suggested that the

[illegible] a committee on secret work now in existence—

The Chair replied there was such a Com.

Bro. Morris said he was a member of that Com. and as he looked at the matter he saw no good in it and he therefore would that the Com. on Secret Work be discharged

Bro Hurley of 26 hoped the Com. would not be discharged and said they ought to make some kind of a report.

Bro Leonard of 64 asked to be informed when the Com. was appointed as he thought such a Com. was necessary and was not aware of the existence of the Com. He thought something should be done so that members from the Western part of the State could have some way of recognizing brothers in the East.

Bro Sproules hoped the motion to discharge the Com. would not

Carried

Bro. Griffin thought the motion should prevail as in his opinion there was no secret work in the Order and also that there should not be any secret work

Bro. Morris wanted to set himself right and said Bro Cronin of 57 was the Chairman of the com. and had not called the com. together and he still hoped the Convention would discharge the com.

Bro Brickley was in favor of some secret work and thought it was very much needed

Bro Maloney said he got a grip when he entered the Order and had none since — he thought we should have some signs by which we could know each other — something nonsense what so that it was a secret sign — that we do very little to elevate our people and

something of this kind was [illegible]
as needed

Bro Heslan thought we ought to have a badge—

Bro. Mulcahy said a badge was no good as many of those who carried around badges in the beginning of the Order never paid anything into the Order and were no [illegible] to the Order—

Bro. Edmonds said that good secret work was adopted in the early days of the Order and had accomplished a great deal of good and had it been kept up much more good would have resulted and we should now in all probability have a perfect plan of secret work instead of having to [illegible] all over again

Vote taken on motion to discharge carried

Vote taken on appointing the Com. of 5—

The Chair appointed

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| C. J. Hurly | of | 26 |
| J. H. Cronin | | 57 |
| F. J. McGrath | | 20 |
| J. J. McLaughlin | | 34 |
| J. T. Brickley | | 21 |

{ on suggestion of P. H. C. R. of Toronto

Bro Fennessy offered the following order -
That a com. of 5 be appointed to take into consideration the language used by Henry C Griffin a delegate from St. Joseph Court No 11, which language was ordered to be taken down by the Secretary, and report such action as they may deem necessary

Bro Griffin seconded the motion

Bro Fennessy said he had the kindliest feelings towards Bro Griffin but thought such language and conduct was deserving of censure -

Bro Hurly made the point of order that there was no motion before the organization

The Chair decided not well taken

Bro Tennessy continued and said the Convention should take action on the language used and which was now on the records; that such language was an insult to the Convention and hoped the com. would be appointed -

Bro Griffin hoped so too and said he always conducted himself properly - and had done so when before the H. S. Com. at its meeting -

Bro Donovan of 14 made the point of order that Bro Griffin was discussing something which did not occur in the Convention

The Chair decided the point well taken

Bro Griffin continued in the same strain and was again called to order by Bro Donovan and as Bro Griffin still continued he was called to order by the Chair and

Bro Hurley moved to indefinitely

Lost bore the whole motion

Seconded by Bro Daly and on the
Vote being taken was declared lost
Vote was doubted and a count showed
11 aff
10 neg and was
Carried -

Bro Shay moved that the personal
language ordered taken down
be erased from the records
and that the language be
decided as discourteous and
unparliamentary
Carried

Bro. Golding moved to adjourn
Carried

Closed in due form at 10.05 pm

James F. Supple
H. C. S. T.

Grand Army Hall
616 Washington St July 29 1887

Fourth session of Convention

Called to order at 8.15 P M

H. C. Ranger Watson presiding

High Conductor reported V. H. C. R Sprouls not present -

H. C. R. Watson appointed Bro Shay V. H. C. R.

Convention opened in due form -

H. C. Secy proceeded to read the records of last session when Bro Hand moved to dispense with reading but on suggestion of Bro. Fennessy withdrew his motion - and the records of Third session were read - and

Bro Fennessy H. J. Con. asked unanimous consent to have removed from the records of the Third session, all matters relating to the motion of Bro. Shay carried just previous to adjournment -

Bro. Griffin said he had been very

sorry about the whole matter and he hoped unanimous consent would be given to remove the whole matter from the records -

No objection was made and the

H. C. Kavanagh declared unanimous consent to removal from the records of the personal matters referred to and then

declared the records approved -

F. C. Reagan Watson called for the

Report of the Finance Com.

The Chairman (J. O Loughlin) stated that it had taken a great deal of time to go over the accounts and expenditures -

A. J. Com. Fennessy moved to suspend the 5 minute rule, so that everyone might speak as long as necessary to attack or defend the report of the Finance Com.

Bro. Daly said that after the report was read the enforcement of the 5 minute rule would be proper -

H. J. Con. Tierney said the question was on the acceptance or rejection of the report and that all should have equal chance to speak

Bro. O Loughlin continued to read his report and recommendations

Bro. Hand moved to accept the report

H. C. Ranger Watson stated the motion and the Convention

Voted to accept the report.

Bro Byrne moved that the recommendations be adopted.

Bro Mulcahy moved to take each one separately which amendment was accepted by Bro Byrne

Bro. Tierney said both should be accepted and then act on the various portions —

Bro. Byrne said that was his intention

Bro. Ware said acceptance carried the report and made it the property of the Convention —

H. J. Con. Tierney said the question

Mr. on the resolutions and noted the decisions of the H. C. Ranger

H. C. Ranger said the report was in the hands of the Convention and that a motion to adopt was in order.

Bro. McGrath said he could not see why we should pass over differences in figures and would like explanations.

Bro Loughlin said he could explain some and could not others - and then gave an explanation of some matters.

Bro. McGrath said the accounts should be made to agree with the report before the report was adopted - that 50¢ was paid out for correction of pamphlets by author and that he was the author but he did not get the money although he got the glory -

P. S. Bro. Riley said he did not intend to speak on the question and as the Finance Com. reported the accounts correct and every cent accounted for - we should not waste our time on it -

Bro. Griffin wanted to know who got the 50 £. for "correcting by author."

Bro Daly said he was surprised at such question being raised on that point - Although he knew nothing in particular about this item yet as a trustee he could easily see how it might be - that it was intelligent to him -

Bro O'Loughlin then said there was a voucher for the 50 £ but he did not understand it -

Bro Daly said his knowledge of building enabled him to understand the matter -

W. J. Bro Fennessy said it was well to meet the matter squarely - that the report did not say whether the books were correct or not - that the report was only a transcript of the books of the Trust.

Bro. O'Loughlin said he would not defend the report and then proceeded to criticise W. J. Bro Fennessy -

W. J. Bro. Fennessy ruled the brother out of order that Bro O'Loughlin was -

Quage was unparliamentary –

H. C. Kruger decided point of order not well taken

Bro. O'Loughlin said every one except Bro. Tennessey recommended the report and that of Bro Tennessey were known he would say different – that he had worked on the report when he could share the time and had given a great deal of labor on it

Bro Phelan said he asked enough money would be appropriated to carry on the work of the Order

Bro Sommers said he did not come to attend the evening session consequently was there, as he wanted to be able to record something in his Court.

Bro. H. Brach said he had the report some days and had examined it carefully and he thought some things in the report should be changed note

M. S. Con. Killen asked Bro H. if he found anything in the

defendant from what was stated by the chairman -

Bro. McGrath said he heard rumors but he was friendly to every member of the Night Shrieking Order and Common Cause.

Bro. Daly moved & incorporate the afforfriation for printing to 400.

Bro. Hurley said we should not have members more than 18 -

Bro. Rogers moved & various qualifications

Bro. Griffin said he felt it his duty to object to the increase -

Bro. Hayward said he hoped Bro Daly's motion would prevail -

Roll was taken and Bro Daly's motion was declared lost -

Voted to adopt the report -

Voted to adopt the 1st Recommendation

Voted to indefinitely postpone the 2nd Recommendation

## ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT YEAR—GENERAL FUND.

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| Deficit to April, 1887. | | |
| Excess of expenditures over receipts, | | $146.50 |
| Debts outstanding April 20, 1887:— | | |
| Salary of High Court Secretary, B. J. O'Daly, | $185.00 | |
| " " " " Treasurer, J. F. Supple, | 400.00 | |
| Travelling expenses H. S. Com. & Dis. H. C. R. | 36.75 | |
| " " and services, T. J. Dunn, | 30.00 | |
| Hall for Convention, | 10.50 | |
| Dinner, | 56.25 | |
| Telegram to B. J. O'Daly. | 4.20 | |
| Printing, | 23.90 | |
| Batons, Jewels and Regalia, | 17.15 | |
| S. Hobbs, Stationery, | 1.65 | |
| J. T. Daly, | 1.50 | |
| Expressing, | 2.00 | |
| | | 769.40 |
| Total | | 915.90 |
| To April, 1888. | | |
| Salary of J. J. Lannigan, | | 200.00 |
| Salary, J. F. Supple, | | 800.00 |
| Rent of office, High Standing Committee, | | 300.00 |
| Travelling expenses, H. S. C., and D. H. C. R.'s, | | 150.00 |
| Postage, | | 50.00 |
| Printing, | | 200.00 |
| Miscellaneous Incidentals, | | 100.00 |
| | | $2715.90 |

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| Deduct— | | |
| Amount due on Per Capita to April, 1887, | $95.20 | |
| " " " Benefit Certificates to April, 1887. | | |
| " " " Assess. Postals " " " | 89.40 | |
| | $184.60 | |

## Recommendations.

FIRST. Owing to the length of time a proper and complete audit of the accounts of the treasurer necessarily takes, your Committee would suggest the importance of a strict enforcement of those portions of Section 3, Art. 5, Constitution H. C., and of Section 2, Art. 9, of Constitution of sub courts, the latter making it obligatory on each Court, to forward its annual report to the H. C. S., on or before February 15, and the former imposing a duty on the H. C. Secretary of publishing and distributing his annual report two weeks prior to the Convention: Hence your Committee recommend that the H. C. Secretary-Treasurer close his accounts March 31, each year.

SECOND. Your committee further recommend that the system of printing assessment postals for individual Courts be discontinued, and that a large number be printed at once, which can be used in common for every court in the order, with proper spaces and blanks in which to fill in the name and number of Court, etc. It will necessitate a trifle more writing perhaps, but will be very much cheaper in the matter of printing.

THIRD. Your committee recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer be required to renew his bond in $8,000.00 each year, on the date of his election and qualification to the dual office of Secretary-Treasurer.

FOURTH. We find the present bond is dated May 5, 1884, has but one surety, is made payable to the Mass. Cath. Order of Foresters, for the benefit of the High Court, and has never been approved as required by Section 5, Art. 5, of the Constitution of the High Court.

FIFTH. To meet the change in the Constitution by which the same individual may be elected Secretary and Treasurer, your Committee suggest that the power and duty in the H. C. S., of countersigning orders for money on the H. C. Treasurer be vested in some person other than the H. C. Secretary.

To meet the increased appropriations, your committee find it necessary to recommend a *per capita* assessment of $1.co.

Respectfully submitted,

P. O'LOUGHLIN,
JOHN P. DORE,
JAMES J. McLAUGHLIN,
CHARLES I. HURLEY,
MICHAEL EDMUNDS.

July 15, 1887.

Mr. President moves to amend 4th section on page 12 line 1st after H. C. Secretary by inserting "countersigned by H. C. S. K. & T. [illegible]

Voted to adopt

Also to amend on page 12 line 2 after Court insert "with at least two sureties" and in same line strike out 5 and insert 8 before Thousand

Voted to adopt.

A motion to amend Law making a count of Courts was made thereby necessitating of 35 Courts [illegible]

Also to amend on page 12 line 14 after Mayor insert
"And he shall be the custodian of moneys and deeds of the R. C. Church" "and in his absence the V. Gen. Con. shall sign"

Ex Daly moves to lay on table all past actions of the Corporation.
Carried -

Ex Mc = Grant moved to adjourn to Sunday Aug 5th
Carried -

Ex Mc = Grant gave notice that some amendment be offered a year for sale of Lot and he would be here then for it -

Ex Mc = Grant offered an amendment to the Constitution

Ex Mc = Grant offered another amendment to the Constitution

Ex Griffin asked for information about the Mitchell case and in reply to a question by Ex Kennedy stated that he himself had, unsolicited, employed a lawyer on the case against

the Order -

Hon. Buckley asked upon what
work and how
would be
reading -

Garfield Hall
1125 Washington St.

Boston — Aug 5 1887

Fifth Session of Convention —

Called to order at 8.10 P.M.

H. C. Ranger Watson, presiding —

H. Conductors reported absent,

V. H. C. R. Sproules, & H. J. C. Fennessey.

H. C. R. appointed Bro John P. Dore to act as V. H. C. R. and Bro. D. F. Sullivan to act as H. J. C.

The records of previous session were read

H. C. Ranger Watson said the question was on the acceptance of the records.

P. H. C. R. McLaughlin asked if the amendments adopted at the previous session were properly and constitutionally before the Convention, and asked for the ruling of the H. C. Ranger on their Constitutionality

H. C. Ranger said they were offered to merely remedy some incousistencies

P. H. C. Ranger McLaughlin said he thought the proceeding was unconstitutional - that the Convention had gone through its regular order of business - If this proceeding was allowed, what was to hinder him or any member to bring in amendment after amendment and so overturn the whole Constitution - that P. H. C. R. Galvin had decided (when H. C. Ranger) that there was no authority to bring in amendments to the Constitution at such a time as this.

Bro. Ward said that general consent was given Bro O'Loughlin and that was sufficient.

P. H. C. R. McLaughlin said the Convention had no right to consider any amendments without reference to a committee; and the committee on constitution had reported and final action was had.

H. S. Con. Rily said he thought we had a right to go and our action would be right -

Bro. Shay asked if a member of the H. C. had a right to offer amendments -

H. C. R. Watson said he had such right

Bro. Shay moved to approve the records of previous session as read

Bro. J. T. Daly said he agreed with P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin and that the Convention had no right to act on the amendments -

H. C. Ranger Watson said a right existed to offer amendments, but when offered proper reference should be made -

Bro. Ward said the com. on constitution was a com. of the Convention and said he failed to see the point of Bro. Daly's remarks -

P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin asked for a ruling on the legality of the amendments

H. C. R. Watson decided they were illegal -

P. H. C. R. Mc. Laughlin moved to amend motion of Bro. Shay that the records of previous session be approved except all that portion relating to adoption of amendments to the Constitution, and

Bro Shay accepted the amendment

Bro. Ward said two hours had been wasted at the last session to no purpose - that he thought we were wrong and he had brought Cushings manual and would read it -

H. C. R. Watson rapped Bro. Ward to order and said an appeal could be made from his decision -

Bro. Ward said the Convention could do as it pleased - accept or reject - and moved an amendment that the whole record be accepted -

H. S. Con. Riley asked if the constitution said anywhere that

amendments could not be adopted - that the Convention could have a Com. on Constitution and not give it any business

P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin called H. S. Bro. Rily's attention to the constitution and Bro. Rily said he knew all about it - that the com. on constitution had no legal standing now and that no com. had any power except such as was delegated to it by a Convention -

H. C. Ranger Watson defined his position and said his ruling had also been the ruling of every H. C. R. - and as no point of order was raised at the previous session, he had allowed the matter to go on -

Bro. Daly thought the mail was growing worse - that the question was on accepting or rejecting the records - to his mind there was need of something better, and moved to reconsider the vote whereby the various amendments were adopted.

P. H. C. Ranger Mc Laughlin said there should be no place in the record

for anything unconstitutional and such should be reconsidered -

Bro. Lemasney moved previous question which was ordered

H. C. Ranger Watson stated the question -

Bro. Wade's motion was lost -

Motion of Bro. Shay amended by P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin was carried -

H. S. Con. Riley moved that all amendments be referred to com. on Constitution -

P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin said he had been requested to present an amendment -

V. H. C. R. Sproules wanted to know who asked him to present it -

H. C. S. T. Supple asked if the delegate who made the request of Bro Mc Laughlin, was obliged to stay away -

P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin said the person

was present but did not wish to present the amendment—

Bro. Griffin asked for a ruling

M. S. Com. Riley moved that the recommendations of —— be referred to com. on constitution—

Carried—

Bro. Ward said there were vacancies on the Com. on constitution and asked to have them filled up—

M. C. R. Watson said it was not in his power to fill vacancies—

Bro. Ward appealed from the decision of the chair, that the Convention could not act on amendments to the constitution unless reported by the com. on constitution

M. C. R. Watson stated the appeal—

V. M. C. R. Sproules put the question and the Convention sustained the decision of the M. C. Ranger—

Bro. Daley moved to refer all amendments to next General Convention

V. H. C. R. Sproulis said we should do business now, if we had any, and hoped the motion would not prevail -

Bro. Riley said he was opposed to the motion

Bro. Daly said he thought the intelligence of the members was sufficient to settle the matter, and that we ought to proceed -

Bro. Ward hoped the Convention would adjourn to night and asked leave to withdraw his amendments to the Constitution

Bro. Driscoll hoped the amendments would be referred -

H. C. Ranger Watson then stated the motion of Bro Daly and the vote being taken, it was lost

Bro. Griffin moved a vote of thanks to the Finance Com.

Bro. Daly thought the Finance Com. did nothing extra and were not entitled to any thanks -

Br. O. P. Watson stated motion and it was — Carried —

H. S. Con. Riley moved that when the Convention adjourn, it be to meet in one hour.

Bro. Ward moved to amend that the Convention adjourn without day.

Bro. Ward's amendment was declared Carried

Vote was doubted and a count showed 23 aff
8 neg —

H. S. Con. Rily moved to adjourn

Bro. Brickley asked for report of Com. on secret work —

P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin chairman of Com. on Secret Work reported for the Committee and it was Voted to accept the report —

Voted that report be referred to the H. S. Con.

Bro. Dore, as a member of the Finance Com. said he desired to say that

the Finance Com. had made a thorough examination of the books of H. C. officers and had found everything correct -

H. S. Con. Riley moved to reconsider the motion to adjourn sine die -

P. H. C. R. Mc Laughlin moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table and it was declared Carried

Voted to read records of this session of the Convention -

Voted that records be approved and adopted -

Voted that thanks be given to the com. on Secret Work -

Voted to adjourn and H. C. Ranger Watson closed the session in due form and declared the Eighth Annual Convention of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters

duly closed and adjourned
sine die -

James F. Supple
A. C. Secretary Treasurer

Boston July 29 1887